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After the Memorial Day parade, Otsego held a ceremony at Memorial Park. (Photos provided)

Communities gather to honor fallen service members on Memorial Day

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Residents in Otsego and Plainwell gathered Monday to honor and remember the men and women who gave their lives in service to the United States during annual Memorial Day observances in both communities.

The day included parades through downtown Otsego and Plainwell, along with ceremonies recognizing those who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving their country.

In Otsego, community members gathered at Memorial Park following the parade, where city officials, veterans organizations and local residents took part in the annual service hosted by Otsego VFW Post 3030.

Among those speaking during the ceremony was Otsego City Manager Aaron Mitchell, who focused much of his remarks on sacrifice, remembrance and the meaning behind Memorial Day.

"As we approach the 250th birthday of our great country when we celebrate the 4th of July in a little over a month, we must remember that we do not get the freedoms and liberties on the 4th without the principles and sacrifice of Memorial Day," Mitchell said.

Mitchell centered portions of his speech around remarks made by former President Ronald Reagan during speeches commemorating D-Day in 1984 and Veterans Day in 1985.

He referenced Reagan's famous "Boys of Pointe du Hoc" speech delivered in Normandy, France, on the 40th anniversary of D-Day, describing the courage and sacrifice shown by American soldiers during World War II.

Mitchell said Reagan's words captured both the cost of freedom and the responsibility to remember those who served.

Quoting Reagan's 1985 Veterans Day speech at Arlington National Cemetery, Mitchell highlighted the sacrifice made by many young soldiers who never had the opportunity to grow old.

"But most of them were boys when they died," Reagan said in the speech quoted by Mitchell. "They gave up everything for our country, for us. And all we can do is remember."

Mitchell told those gathered that Memorial Day serves as a reminder not only of military sacrifice, but also of the values and freedoms those service members fought to protect.

In Plainwell, residents lined the streets for the city's annual Memorial Day parade before ceremonies took place at the bridge honoring those lost at sea and later at Hillside Cemetery.

Veterans groups, local organizations, first responders, bands and community members participated in both communities' observances as residents paused to reflect on the meaning of the holiday and honor those who never returned home.

Plainwell officials warn residents about fraudulent email scam

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Officials are again warning residents and business owners to be on alert after another fraudulent email claiming to be from the City of Plainwell recently surfaced.

According to the city, the scam email falsely claims to come from the Plainwell Planning Commission and attempts to collect payment for what it describes as an "Application Review and Approval Fee" tied to zoning or rental property use.

Officials said the message appears to come from "City of Plainwell Planning Commission planning.cityofplainwell.mi.org@usa.com" and asks recipients to request wire transfer instructions in order to complete a municipal application process.

City officials stressed that the email is not legitimate and was not sent by the City of Plainwell or the Planning Commission.

Officials noted the city first issued a warning about the scam in April after a local business owner received a similar message. Another local business recently reported receiving the same email.

"The City does not request payments via wire transfer through unsolicited email communications," city officials said. "Nor does it require applicants to conduct official business exclusively by email in this manner."

Officials said there are several warning signs residents should watch for, including the use of a non-government email domain such as "@usa.com," requests for wire transfer payments and language creating urgency by suggesting payment is required before an application can move forward.

City officials also noted the email uses formal and detailed wording intended to make the communication appear legitimate, even though it does not match standard city procedures.

Residents who receive similar emails are encouraged not to respond, send money or provide financial information.

Officials also recommend reporting the email to the City of Plainwell and local law enforcement. Anyone who may have already sent payment is urged to immediately contact their financial institution and file a police report.

Residents with questions involving planning, zoning, permits or application fees are encouraged to contact Plainwell City Hall directly using verified contact information.

"The City of Plainwell takes fraudulent activity seriously and is working to notify the public and prevent financial loss," city officials said.

Officials encouraged residents to remain vigilant and verify unexpected payment requests that appear to come from government agencies. Anyone receiving similar emails is also asked to contact the Plainwell Department of Public Safety so the city can help track the scam.

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El Jaripeo2 opens after much anticipation

By Gari Voss

The wait is over. El Jaripeo2, Mexican Grill and Bar, held its "soft" opening the week of May 18, 2026, to busy weekday crowds. The building at 110 Hubbard Street in Allegan for years held Ruby's Restaurant then On the Grid and has undergone a makeover. The interior has been completely renovated with an elevator, HVAC, kitchen appliances, floor to ceiling materials, new paint, furniture, and a comfy bar area along with its dining area.

The staff – manager and servers, are proud of the transformation, but apologetic about the delay because of the liquor license approval from Lansing. For those who patiently awaited the opening, Monday-Thursday, the restaurant is open from 11am – 10pm, Friday – Saturday, 11am – 10:30pm, and Sunday from 11am – 9pm.

The menu offers traditional Mexican delights with numerous choices of tacos, burritos, quesadillas, enchiladas, fajitas, seafood, and El Jaripeo Specials including Tastes of Mexico. These come in milder to hotter varieties depending on the customer's palate. Included in the fare are salads, vegetarian dishes, and a kids menu.

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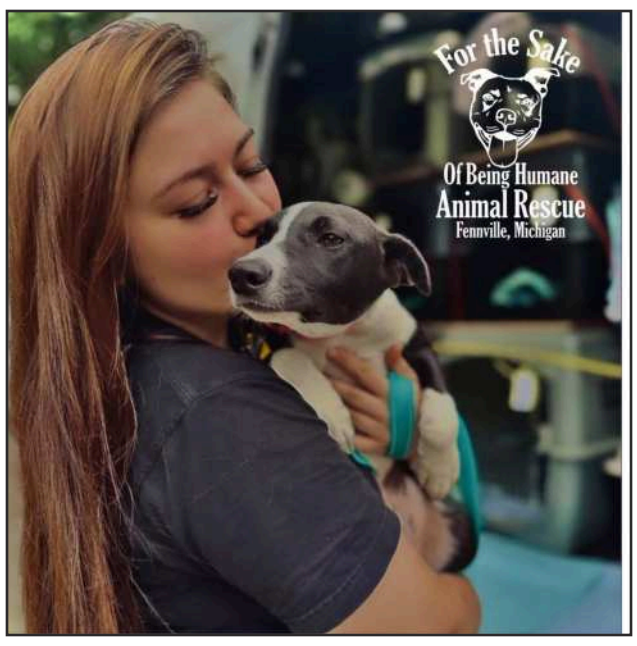
For The Sake Of Being Humane

A Fennville rescue built one animal at a time

By Art Nicholas



Most teenagers spend their high school years at the mall or chasing a first job. Ashlynn Cluchey spent hers turning an enclosed porch into a cat room.

That porch — in a house she shared with friends as a high school junior — was where For The Sake Of Being Humane Rescue began in 2016. Word spread that she would take in cats other people couldn't keep, and the work grew from there. The turning point came when she found a pit bull wandering the highway near Saugatuck. She traced his history and learned he had already been adopted out once, by a shelter that, in her view, hadn't done the work to place him well. He had become a repeat stray.

"It just didn't sit well with me," Cluchey said. A dog who had already been through an adoption agency, she felt, should never end up back on the road. It opened her eyes to a need to do things differently. She started taking in dogs, and never stopped.

Ten years later, Cluchey is 25 and runs the rescue out of a facility on Bluestar Highway in Fennville, a couple of miles from Saugatuck and Douglas. Her home is attached directly to the kennels, so she is rarely far from the roughly three dozen dogs in her care. The rescue is not breed-specific. "There's no discrimination in the rescue world as to what needs help," she said — purebreds, mutts, pit bulls, shepherds, the occasional rare breed all come through the door. About half the animals are local intakes from Allegan County; the other half come north from Texas, where overpopulation around Houston has reached a scale she calls almost unimaginable in person.

In a typical year, the rescue moves between 100 and 200 animals into adoptive homes. Right now there are about 36 adoptable dogs on site and more than 20 cats, several of them waiting at partner stores — Chowhound and PetSmart in Holland — where the public can meet them.

The case that stuck

If one situation captures the rescue's philosophy, it is the husky hoarding case Cluchey took on in May 2024. A man who had loved his dogs deeply had passed away, leaving behind a household of roughly 40 huskies who knew only him and almost nothing of the outside world. County agencies hesitated; a hoard of large, under-socialized dogs is a daunting prospect, and euthanizing the entire group was openly discussed. Cluchey decided to at least go meet them.

"All of these allegedly scary dogs just started jumping up and kissing me," she said. Rather than the damaged animals she expected, she found dogs that were leash-trained, crate-trained and desperate for affection. The rescue still has five of those adult huskies today. They have drawn few inquiries — Cluchey believes the phrase "hoarding case" scares people off — but she describes them as some of the best dogs she has ever met. It is exactly the misconception she most wants to correct: that rescue animals are somehow broken. "We have some of the best dogs ever," she said.

A harder season

The work is not getting easier. Like many households, the rescue is squeezed by inflation, and its overhead costs have climbed sharply. Cluchey is also seeing more surrender requests as families struggle to afford pet care or lose housing that allows animals. When someone calls wanting to surrender, the rescue first tries to keep the pet in its home — covering a vet bill, helping with training — because keeping families together is the better outcome. She points to overpopulation, and the shortage of affordable spay and neuter services, as the county's most pressing animal-welfare problem.

For The Sake Of Being Humane is a private 501(c)(3) nonprofit. It receives no government funding, and as a small organization it rarely lands the grants that flow to larger shelters. Nobody draws a paycheck. "We are a private shelter that relies on public donations to keep doing what we do," Cluchey said. "Without the public's support, our organization can't operate."

How to help

The single most useful form of support, Cluchey said, is steady monthly giving through the rescue's Patreon. The platform works much like a monthly subscription: a supporter chooses an amount, and the donation is processed automatically each month, which lets the rescue count on covering its overhead bills rather than scrambling for the next invoice.

To become a monthly sponsor, visit the rescue's Patreon page directly at patreon.com/ForTheSakeRescueFund. Supporters can also reach it by going to ftsobhrescue.com and following the Patreon link, then choosing a monthly amount and setting up payment — the same way one would subscribe to any online service.

Other support is welcome too. Dog food and cat litter can be dropped off anytime at the Fennville facility. One-time donations can be made through PayPal and Venmo at @ForTheSakeRescue, or mailed to 2525 Bluestar Highway, Fennville, MI 49408 — and the rescue accepts Michigan returnable bottles and cans. Adoptable animals are listed on Petfinder, and residents can meet the team in person this year at the Allegan, Ottawa and Ionia county fairs and at the Goose Festival.

Why she stays

Cluchey is candid that the hardest part of rescue work is not the animals. "It's not the animals that burn out rescuers," she said — it is the daily weight of difficult people and impossible situations. She has thought about quitting "every day," she admits, then arrives at the same answer: "Then who is going to do it? Where else would the animals go?"

What keeps her going is the other side of the ledger — the moment an animal that has been through the worst is finally adopted "and we start seeing it blossom in their forever homes." For a rescue built one animal at a time, on an enclosed porch, by a 16-year-old who couldn't look away, that is still the whole point.

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Fri., May 29, 2026, 6pm: Jazz in the Valley. Fenn Valley Winery 6130 122nd Ave. Fennville

Fri., May 29, 2926, 7pm: Kitten's Album Release Party
The Eagles 2315 110 Chestnut St. Allegan

Sat., May 30, 2026: Springfield 5K. Modales Winery & Gold Coast Farms Fennville

Sat., May 30, 2026c, 10am-6pm: Eccentric Garden Birthday. Eccentric Garden 136 Brady St. Allegan

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Sun., May 31, 2026, 8am-4pm: Allegan Antiques Market. Allegan County Fairground 150 Fair Dr. Allegan

CURRENT EVENTS

Wed., May 27, 2026, 10am: Play Café
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Caregivers can enjoy a cup of coffee while little ones have fun playing.

Wed., May 27, 2026, 10am-noon: Garlic Mustard Removal
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Wed., May 27, 2026, 11am-3pm: House of the Rising Song Café
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Thurs., May 28, 2026, 8am-2pm: Allegan Farmers Market
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Thurs., May 28, 2026, 10:30am: Preschool Storytime
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Ages 3-5 can come for stories and activities.

Thurs., May 28, 2026, 11am-noon: Access to Medical Care Roundtable
MACC & the ACCF invite all organizations working to improve access to medical care to join a virtual, collaborative event to share updates and ideas, discuss challenges and barriers, and explore opportunities for partnership and coordination. Register on the allegan-foundation.org/community-calendar.

Thur., May 28, 2026, 2-3pm: Healthy Housing Roundtable
MACC & the ACCF invite all organizations working on safe and sustainable housing efforts to join a virtual, collaborative event to share updates and ideas, discuss challenges and barriers, and explore opportunities for partnership and coordination. Register on the allegan-foundation.org/community-calendar.

Fri., May 29, 2026, 5-8pm: Living History Tour
Oakwood Cemetery 314 Western Ave. Allegan
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Fri., May 29, 2026, 6pm: Jazz in the Valley
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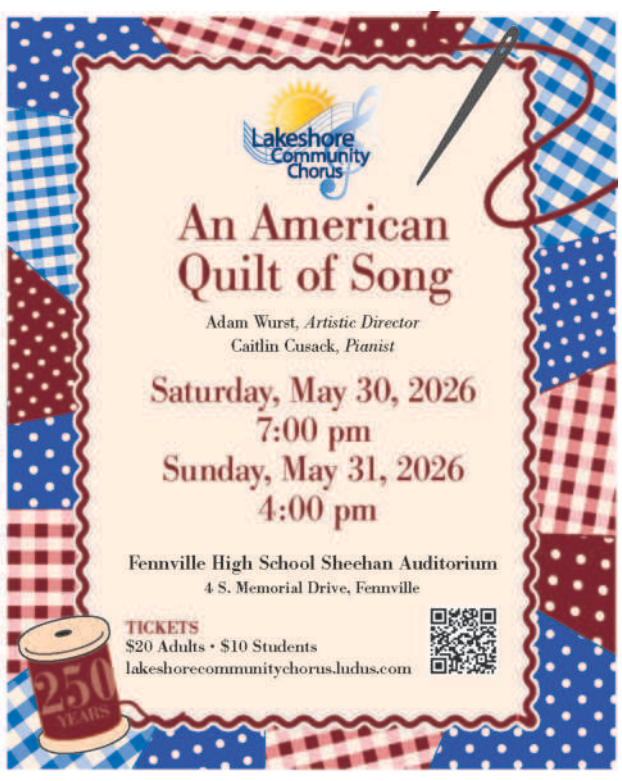

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Duck and Swan Lake Residents consider options to healthier lakes

By Gari Voss

Residents around Swan and Duck Lakes have been filling the Township Hall for regular and special meetings. The concern that brought them out on Tuesday evenings and a Saturday morning was the health of their lakes. That health has declined over the years as the populations around the lakes have increased with little monitoring of septic systems and the use of more fertilizers on agricultural acreage. The residents voiced that they want healthier lakes and would like the Cheshire Township Board to take the lead in making improvements, but they are worried that the price tag to support improvements would negatively affect property owners.

Swan Lake Concerns & Responses

In 2021, Swan Lake residents began requesting that the Cheshire Township Board assist with the blue-green algae problems on their lake. At first, residents expressed their fear that the algae would contain cyanotoxins which are toxic to humans and pets plus impact the lake's ecosystem. Harmful Algae Blooms (HABs), those with cyanotoxins, were confirmed through EGLE and the Allegan County Health Department testing on Duck, Muskrat and Swan Lakes.

With the assistance of the Allegan Conservation District team, a study was done across the Swan Creek Watershed. The watershed is defined as the catchment of Swan Lake, and includes parts of Cheshire, Trowbridge, and Valley Townships in Allegan County, and Bloomingdale Township in Van Buren County with the majority lying in Cheshire Township. The Swan Lake catchment is 15,297 acres, and includes Duck Lake, Eagle Lake, Muskrat Lake, and Schermerhorn Lake. The full subwater shed runs from Muskrat Lake to the Kalamazoo River.

By sampling locations in various areas of the watershed, the Conservation District team was able to identify some of the elements that could enable the algae. The team monitored *E. coli*, optical brighteners from laundry detergents and cleaning agents, water chemistry at different depths of the lakes, and physical characteristics such as temperature, oxygen content, chlorophyll-a, nitrogen, and summer phosphorus.

From the study, the team summarized two main goals.

1. Minimize pathogen and nutrient pollution from septic systems by increasing awareness of proper septic system maintenance, identifying and remediating failing septic systems, installing native plants along shorelines, and encouraging a reduction of fertilizers and pesticides in residential areas near waterbodies.
2. Reduce nonpoint source of sediment, nutrient, and pathogen loading by stabilizing sediment and minimizing runoff.

Simultaneously, a group around Swan Lake employed Restorative Lake Sciences (RLS) to do a comprehensive study of Swan Lake to determine ways to improve the health of the lake.

Utilizing the information from both studies, a petition was circulated that would request the Cheshire Township Board to establish the Swan Lake Improvement Special Assessment District (SAD) that would provide funds to perform tasks that could improve the health of the lake. These would include: the deployment of TimberChar filters at selected inlets and drains, water quality data acquisition and analysis by RLS, strategic weed control, and technical support by RLS for remediation technologies.

Duck Lake Concerns & Reponses

Residents of Duck Lake were paying close attention to the Watershed and RLS studies at Swan Lake. Though Duck Lake has had a SAD to control weeds, there is still an infestation of blue-green algae. Thus, they requested the Cheshire Township Board to add a supplemental SAD to their assessment to implement some of the same activities suggested for Swan Lake.

The Cost

Everything costs money, and that is what brought residents to the Township Meetings. For the Swan Lake project, looking at 2027-2036, it was felt that each non-commercial lot or parcel with lake frontage would pay $4,454.40 that would be spread across 2026-2035 (about $445.44 annually). Backlot parcels with special rights to Swan Lake would pay $2,227.20 or about $222.72 annually. Commercial properties with multiple mobile home dwelling sites or recreational vehicle/tent sites would pay about $210 annually per unit. These totals were adjusted somewhat by the May 19, 2026, Township Meeting.

If not Now, When, and What?

Lake area residents are concerned about agricultural practices, but EGLE monitors these facilities and practices and has found that farmers are complying with policies and practices. Samples from the Swan Creek Watershed did not find animals or fertilizers to be the problem. That left the non-agricultural residents. The use of detergents high in phosphorus and failing septic systems increased human contaminants.

The Township Board and their legal representative reminded the residents that the Board does not have the ability to require that all septic systems be tested and replaced. They can only address blatant issues with the assistance of the Allegan County Health Department. Allegan County Commissioner Brad Lubbers reminded the audience that there are grants available to assist those with financial needs to repair faulty septic systems.

The fact was stated that "All lakes are dying." Knowing that human factors can speed up or slow down that process, the Board and residents must make some difficult decisions. If they do not take some steps to address the factors that are affecting the health of the lake now, it will get worse and will cost much more later. If the Board assesses the Special Assessment District, it will not be an automatic magical change but will make a difference over the 10 years of the SAD.

The basic plan is to add the TimberChar filters and implement strategic weed control using a chemical that will kill the roots of the undesirable plants while sealing the phosphorus in the lakebed to allow more oxygenation. This will be done with the oversight of Restorative Lake Solutions that has assisted other lakes in recovering to healthier levels.

Several residents voiced that other lakes with similar problems ended up installing a septic system. With at least four lakes involved along with non-lake properties in between, could this be a long-term solution while the short-term mitigation is being implemented?

As Shakespeare might say, "To SAD, or not to SAD, that is the question."

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

The Allegan County Fair and Oval Beach are two of the area's biggest tourist attractions. File photos.

Tips for visiting Allegan County

With its scenic lakeshore, small-town charm, and abundance of outdoor recreation, Allegan County offers visitors and residents alike a variety of ways to experience West Michigan. From historic downtowns and nature preserves to seasonal festivals and waterfront attractions, the county provides opportunities for tourism throughout the year.

One of the best ways to enjoy Allegan County is by exploring its many local communities. Towns such as Saugatuck, Douglas, and South Haven are known for their unique shops, restaurants, galleries, and waterfront views. Spending time in local downtown districts helps support small businesses while allowing visitors to experience the character and history of each community.

Outdoor recreation remains one of the county's biggest attractions. Areas like Oval Beach and Allegan State Game Area provide opportunities for hiking, fishing, kayaking, wildlife viewing, and seasonal activities. During the fall, scenic drives and color tours draw visitors from across the region, while summer brings boating, camping, and beach tourism along Lake Michigan.

Local events and festivals also play a major role in tourism. Farmers markets, art fairs, parades, and seasonal celebrations give visitors reasons to return throughout the year. Many communities host holiday festivals, outdoor concerts, and community gatherings that highlight local culture and traditions. Checking community calendars ahead of time can help visitors plan around major events.

Supporting local restaurants and specialty shops is another important part of the visitor experience. Allegan County is home to family-owned diners, bakeries, wineries, breweries, and farm markets that showcase regional flavors and products. Purchasing locally made goods and dining at independent establishments helps strengthen the local economy and preserve the area's small-town atmosphere.

Tourists can also benefit from planning ahead. Reserving lodging early during peak travel seasons, especially in lakeshore communities, helps avoid limited availability. Packing for changing Michigan weather and researching local attractions in advance can make trips more enjoyable and efficient.

Whether exploring nature, visiting historic communities, or attending local events, tourism in Allegan County offers something for nearly every interest. By supporting local businesses and taking time to experience the area's unique attractions, visitors help sustain the communities and traditions that make the county a popular destination year after year.

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Rules to live by

MIKE'S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX
■ PUBLISHER ■

I often seek out thought provoking words of wisdom on the internet. Just last week I came across this (by anonymous) and thought I would share it with you. It might not mean much to those that are in their 20's or still have children at home, but for those of us that are considered in our twilight years it hits home. Here it is:

So… this is the beginning of the final stretch.

And slowly, the truths I had avoided all my life began to surface.

Kids? They're busy writing their own story.

Health? Slips away faster than sand through open fingers.

The government? Just headlines, promises and numbers that rarely change your daily reality.

Aging doesn't hurt your body first- it hurts your illusions.

So, I rebuilt my life with new rules- here they are:

1. Money is more reliable than anything else. Love your kids, but don't make them your retirement plan. Save for yourself. Financial independence is dignity. It allows you to afford a comfortable life if and when you no longer work. A life free of financial worry.

2. Your health is paramount. Nothing else matters if your body refuses to cooperate. Move, walk, stretch. Don't take health for granted. Guard your sleep like treasure. Eat cleaner. Reduce the poison disguised as sugar or salt.

3. Create your own joy. Waiting for others to make you happy is the fastest way to heartbreak. So, you learn to enjoy the small things- a peaceful breakfast, a good book, and music that warms the soul. When you know how to make yourself happy, loneliness loses its power.

4. Aging is not an excuse to become helpless. Some people turn aging into a performance of complaints. And slowly friends begin to slip away. No one wants to hear it. Strength is attractive. Resilience is magnetic. People respect the ones who stay capable, not the ones who surrender.

5. Let go of the past. The good old days were beautiful- yes. But they're gone and there is no return ticket. Clinging to the past, steals the present. Life today may look different, but it holds moments worth living. And think of the future as bright. You still have a lot of memories to make.

6. Protect your peace like it's your property. Not every argument needs your voice. Not every insult needs your response. Most of the time keeping quiet is the best choice. Peace is expensive. Protect it from dramas, negativity and draining people.

7. Keep learning something- anything. The day you stop learning is the day you start aging. A new recipe, a new word, a new app or a new hobby- your brain needs movement just like your body. Learning keeps you young; stagnation makes you old.

Strength and freedom still belong to you. Aging is an exam no can take from you. You can adapt, rebuild and rise stronger…or sit back, and wait for someone to rescue you. The choice is yours. I know what I choose. Do You?

Life as Performance Art

G CORWIN STOPPEL

I recall straight news; newscasters survived only if they were deemed trustworthy and reliable es. That's why we loved Walter Cronkite plus the pair Chet Huntley and David Brinkley.

Even Paul Harvey billed his daily radio show as news and commentary.

"All politics is grass roots," noted Everett Dirksen (R-Ill.) from the same era. It is only when a decision made in Washington, D.C., has immediate impact on us that news has real value. The rest of it seems more like entertainment.

So, I stay away from the news, and I stay away from political prattle, at least as much as possible. A couple of weeks ago, the news did become very local grassroots stuff, and it didn't come from the media. It was the sign at the gas station. The price was just a smidge under $4 a gallon. Today, it is close to $5 here in west Michigan. Earlier this year gas cost under three dollars. A big jump in the price of a necessity is about as grass roots as it ever gets.

Most of us need gasoline, diesel or electric power to get to and from work, and sometimes while we are at work. No gas means no work, and no work means no income. But if we must spend more on gas and our opportunities for earning more money are limited, something else has to give. That diminishes our quality of life, maybe even life itself.

Higher-priced fuel also drives up the cost of shipping food, as reflected in grocery and retail stores. For instance, fruit and vegetables, bread and other products cost more because transportation costs are passed on to the customer. In the case of produce or even canned goods, fuel and fertilizer costs are increased for farmers, so they must pass it on themselves.

So we cut back on other things to pay for fuel. That might mean not buying clothes (again, perhaps) this year. It might mean not going out for a date night as often, or at all. But when we reduce our spending on consumer goods, retailers suffer and, in turn, might lay off workers or reduce their hours.

In short, everyone is suffering from the sudden rise in costs. That's grass roots. We know that the war against Iran is responsible for much of this increase. Whoever planned this made a big oopsie in not remembering the Straits of Hormuz, through which many tankers pass. It bottlenecks the whole system, puts a monkey wrench in the gears.

Every day that passes, things get worse here at home — in our own grass roots. Worse, there seems to no end to this chaos.

November mid-term elections draw nearer. Voters will remember the Feb. 24 State of the Union Address when President Trump told us inflation was down, food prices lower, gas cheaper and everything was even better than before.

When people started feeling the real pain of high gas prices, he brushed away our concerns with, "no one cares" and "I don't think about people."

That may come back to haunt him and his party because yes, we do care. Just to twist the knife in our backs, we were told the federal government can't afford healthcare for those in need.

History reminds us of what happens when leaders forget about grass roots. Charles I of England was executed because his arrogance and increasing distance from his subjects became intolerable for the people. He raised taxes for foolish wars. He and his courtiers lived in luxury. His subjects struggled to just survive.

Louis XVI and his wife Marie Antoinette learned the hard way when their heads were lopped off in 1793. The queen was so far removed from the reality of her subjects, she them that if they could not afford bread, they should eat cake.

Czar Nicholas II and his family were lined up against a basement wall for the same reasons. In part, the Romanovs spent a fortune on grandeur, such as a palace room lined with amber, and spent extra money on a few favorites.

None had learned their history lessons, or perhaps thought such economics didn't apply to them. Centuries earlier, Roman emperors tried to placate the people with bread and circuses. A free meal while watching bloody and violent spectacles were meant to make the plebeians feel better about inflation, low wages, and other problems. Maybe it worked for a while, but read Mary Beard's history of imperial Rome to see for yourself how many emperors had their tenures cut short, usually with a knife to the back - or throat. More creative assassins preferred poison.

Dirksen decades ago reminded his colleagues about wasting money instead of focusing on real needs. "A million here, a million there, and it adds up to real money." That maxim, even if millions have turned into billions or even trillions, still applies today.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Believe the Evidence

Dear Editor:

The political news is full of statements that actual evidence shows the opposite that is being professed. Some leaders believe the American public are stupid and will accept anything that they hear from them.

President Trump has stated many times how tough he is on Russia. Consider the following facts and decide for yourself.

1. Shrugged off compelling evidence that Russia helped Iran target American assets in the Middle East.

2. Looked the other way after Russia attacked American owned businesses in Ukraine.

3. Allowed Russia to bypass U.S. oil blockade intended to smother Cuba.

4. Vouched for Putin's trustworthiness.

5. Continues to echo the the Kremlin's talking points. Does our commander-in-chief speak American or Russian idealogy?

6. Bragged about curtailing U.S. aid to Ukraine. One country is a dictatorship-Russia, and one country is a democracy-Ukraine. Personally I would choose the democratic country.

On another front Trump's Pastor stated we should have no more separation of powers. Claims Jesus would support this doctrine. How utterly revolting!

Trump's acting Attorney General Todd Blanche says January 6th rioters should be eligible for compensation even though they committed crimes most Americans can see were illegal, corrupt, and a self dealing g scheme. My perspective is that the crimes were obscene! This is also "pure theft of public funds" paid for from tax money of all Americans.

Representative Jamie Raskin has introduced a bill to block Trump's $1.8 billion MAGA Slush Fund (so called "Anti-Weaponization Fund). The DOJ, now led by Trump loyalists has agreed to create this pot of taxpayer money that experts have called this fund "patently unlawful". Raskin's bill is called "No Taxpayer Funded Settlement Slush Funds Act".

Even if the bill is unsuccessful voters will know which politicians support the theft of Taxpayer funds for illegal purposes.

Andrew Paul Johnson was sentenced earlier this year, just months after being pardoned by Trump for his role in the January 6 ,2021 Capitol attack. This man was sentenced to life in prison for sensually abusing two Middle School aged children.

Todd Blanche, Attorney General would not commit for Andrew Paul Johnson to not receive funds from the slush.fund. What a despicable response! (Blanche accused the reporter asking the question of lying because he said "there is no way this person committed the crime", even though he has been sentenced to life in prison).

The Teapot Dome scandal during the Warren Harding Administration was once considered the worst presidential scandal in U.S. history. The Trump Administration makes the Teapot Dome look like child's play. Each week the scandals seem to deepen, when you think it can't get any more distressing it goes.

We need to elect politicians to restore sanity to our democracy!

Mark Austin
Hopkins

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Constituent questions ICE facility in Baldwin

Dear Editor,

According to the Brookings Institution, over 400,000 people have been detained by ICE and that has resulted in 100,000+ children being separated from their parents. Typically, the parents being detained are asked if they know someone who would be willing to care for their children. If there is no one available to do that, the children become the responsibility of social services. It is unclear where these children are going, who cares for them, and if or when they will be reunited with their parents.

In the first Trump administration, children were lost. Parents did not know where their children went, and neither did our government. Our system literally lost children. Any parent can imagine the terror that would bring to them and their children. It is cruel and yet, we are allowing this to happen again.

And so much for ridding our country of the "worst of the worst." The Cato Institute reports that only 5% of the ICE detainees have a history of violent crimes; 73% of detainees have no criminal record. Others have a misdemeanor on their record, but in this country, we do not incarcerate people for a misdemeanor. And our Constitution establishes that all people should be afforded due process.

Many detainees were employed, paying taxes, raising families – contributing to our economy and communities. Why would you arrest these people? Are we paying ICE agents a commission on quotas? How much and to whom is our government paying to house these detainees? Americans deserve to have these answers. There is no reasonable explanation for detaining these people who pose no threat to our society. But make no mistake, some people are profiting greatly.

I recently attended a community meeting with my state representative, Rachelle Smit. I requested that she and others in our State House personally visit the ICE Detention Facility in Baldwin. Specifically, I would like the following questions answered:

How many people are detained in this facility?

How many of them have a history of violent crime?

How many children have been placed in custody of social services because of these detentions?

What are the living conditions? Square feet per detainee? Medical services?

I followed up on my request for a site visit with an email to Rep. Smit's office. I received a response stating that Rep. Smit's schedule is booked through mid-summer and she would contact Rep. Fox when time allows. Rep. Fox represents the Baldwin area. Her aide also reported that they contacted Rep. Fox's office to see if he had received any complaints regarding the detention center. The answer was that his office has only received complaints from people outside his district – as if that matters. When the truth is exposed about the unconstitutional and inhumane treatment of people in these ICE detention centers, there will be enough shame and regret to cover every congressional district in this country. This should never have happened, and we should never tolerate it.

Susan Wakefield
Watson Township

Obituaries

Carl Collier

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Carl Collier, who passed away on May 19th, 2026, at the age of 84.

A lifelong farmer, farming was far more than an occupation to him — it was his passion and the way he cared for those around him. He devoted his life to the land with strength, dedication, and pride, finding joy in hard work, family, and the simple beauty of rural life.

He will be remembered as one of the most genuine people anyone could know — easygoing, kindhearted, caring, and strong. He had a calm and agreeable spirit that made others feel comfortable in his presence, and he was always willing to lend a hand or share a kind word. Above all else, he deeply loved his family and the time he spent with them.

In addition to his years of farming, he proudly served on the Allegan County Soil Conservation District for 40 years where he supported and advocated for the stewardship of the land he loved.

Carl Collier

He is lovingly survived by his three children Dave Collier, Carol (Dave) Richards and Marcia (David) Kerber, grandchildren: Andrea (Nate) Caldwell, Joseph (Madison) Richards, Justin (Kristan) Goodenough, Brandon Goodenough, Colton Kerber, and great-grandchildren: Tristan, Damian, Brianne, Wade, Jack, Levi aka Debo and Jett, he was also blessed with three bonus grandchildren and their families: David (Katie) Richards (Zac & Zowie, Addison, Noah, Mason); Mikel (Chrissy) Richards (LoveLynn, Evan, Kaylee, Savannah, Brooklyn); Taresa (Tobin) Fasel (Jacob, Josh, Jaden, Grace), his brother Earl (Linda) Collier, sister-in-law Judy Collier and many nieces and nephews all of whom will carry forward his values, stories, and love.

He was preceded in death by his wife Nancy who was the love of his life, his parents Fred and Pansy and his brother Don.

His legacy lives on in the family he cherished and, in the fields, he faithfully worked throughout his life. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Carl's visitation will be on Tuesday, May 26, from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM and the funeral service will be the following day, Wednesday, May 27, from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM all at Gorden Funeral Residence, Hopkins Chapel, 208 West Main Street, Hopkins, MI 49328. Graveside service with Army military honors to follow the funeral at Poplar Hill.

Memorial donations may be made in Carl's name to the Hopkins United Methodist Church Food Pantry.

Robert L. Etzwiler

Robert L. Etzwiler, 85, of Gobles, passed away on Monday, May 18, 2026. He was born March 25, 1941, in Mansfield, Ohio.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Pearl Etzwiler, whose resolute marriage served as an inspiration for their family. He is also survived by his children, their spouses, his grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren: Kevin Etzwiler (wife Connie & daughter Brianna), John Etzwiler, David Mead, Daniel Mead, Denise Noble (husband Alex & their children Katy, Nicholas, Alexander, Iris), and William Noble (wife Debra & their children Logan, Liam, Spencer, Samuel).

Robert was a proud Vietnam Veteran, executing two combat tours during the war, including the 1968 Tet Offensive. He was drafted into the United States Army in 1966 and re-enlisted twice. Robert served his country as a Light Weapons Infantryman and an Asphalt-Heaterman. He was especially proud to be assigned to the 'Big Red One' and 'American's First Team', the

Robert L. Etzwiler

Army's 1st Infantry and 1st Cavalry Division respectively. He finished his service at the rank of Sergeant, a true frontline leader. For his service and sustained heroism, Robert received many military honors, including the U.S. Army Air Medal, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, and the Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Service Star.

Following his service with the Army, Robert was a long-time member of the Kal-Haven Lions Club and the 1st Cavalry Division Association. He enjoyed gardening, thrift shopping, Western & Military films, and spending time with his family. Services to honor Robert's life will be held on Friday, May 29, 2026. The public viewing will take place at the D.L. Miller Funeral Home in Bloomingdale, starting at 10:00 a.m. The funeral service will begin at 11:00 a.m. A luncheon will follow at the Gobles Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Kal-Haven Lions Club or Vietnam Veterans of America.

Robert L. Etzwiler's legacy is one of sacrifice, both for the Army and his family. Resilience during the Vietnam War, his charity work on the homefront, and his devotion to family will keep him in our hearts forever. There is a common expression in the 1st Cavalry Division, one uttered as conflicts and the years roll on: "Once CAV, Always CAV". Arrangements entrusted to D.L. Miller Funeral Home, Bloomingdale Chapel.

Wendy Lynn (Todd) Hallgren

Wendy Lynn (Todd) Hallgren died unexpectedly in a vehicle accident on her way to facilitate a grief support group on May 13, 2026.

She is survived by her childhood sweetheart and husband of 42 years, Jon; a daughter, Amber (Nathan) Krynock; sons Nick (Ashley) Hallgren and Matt Hallgren. She had 16 grandchildren: Will, Caleb, Ellie, Ben and Norah Krynock, Forrest, Trudy and Hank Hallgren, Josie Noe and her daughter Faye, Ike and Sam Andrews, Ida, Essie, Jack and Margaret Hallgren.

Wendy's sister Rachelle Jipping and children, her brother Rick Todd and children, and her mother Nancy Forkel will all miss her. Wendy's two best friends, Holly Shashaguay and Tracy Barthold, and their families were as close to her as any blood family.

She was preceded in death by her father Ralph Todd, her Hallgren parents Larry and Jeanne, and her treasured daughter-in-law Jessica Hallgren.

Wendy's family and friends gathered for a memorial service on May 20 at the Overisel Emporium in Overisel, Michigan to remember her life and grieve together. Her burial will be on her beloved homestead in Hamilton.

Wendy's life was framed by joy. Joy in raising her family and spending time with her grandchildren. Joy in always putting others first. Joy in creativity. Joy in animatedly sharing stories from her life that were so hilarious they were almost unbelievable. Joy in exploring deep thought and studying scripture. And joy found in obedience to God.

Joy: *a deep abiding emotion of great delight. A settled state of inner peace that exists alongside hardship and grief.*

In 1984, when she was 19, Wendy met Jesus and was transformed. She became a different young woman — from wild hippy child to passionate follower of Jesus. She was determined to follow Him no matter the cost and that determination never wavered in the ensuing decades, regardless of the hardships and heartbreaks that came amidst the joys and blessings of her life.

Wendy found herself a part of many different communities throughout the years, though never felt totally accepted by any. She didn't fit in, but it had

Wendy Lynn Hallgren

nothing to do with her bohemian clothing, funky earrings, many headscarves or the tzitzit pinned to the corners of her dress.

If anything, people were drawn to her because of her colorful appearance and personality to match. She stood out because she was determined to align herself with God's Word. Always. Even if it sometimes cost her friends or required deep sacrifice.

"*Do not be conformed to this present world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may test and approve what is the will of God.*" Romans 12:2

She embodied the quote from St. Francis of Assisi,

"*Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words if necessary.*"

Meeting Wendy was enough to know that she was walking a different path — one of integrity, conviction and inner peace. She strove to love. To provoke goodness. To gently advise, but always first direct the seeker to Jesus — the Way, the Truth and the Life. The love she extended to those around her flowed from her obedience to this Scripture:

"*Love must be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil, cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another with mutual love, showing eagerness in honoring one another. Do not lag in zeal, be enthusiastic in spirit, serve the Lord, rejoice in hope, endure in suffering, persist in prayer.*" Romans 12:9-12

The name Wendy means "friendship" and "nurturing mother." How apt; she spent her life serving others. Before her own children and grandchildren came along, she pursued an early childhood education degree. Throughout Wendy's life it was her great joy to care for many children. Making messy crafts, playing games, teaching little ones to read, instilling good character into them — these things brought her much happiness.

Wendy recently wrote in her daily devotional journal, "How we love shows how we know Him." She loved fiercely with her whole heart; she didn't leave love unexpressed. She did the hard things. She offered grace when judgement and pettiness came cheaper. Above all she was a faithful servant to Jesus; a wife, mother and grandmother who loved well; and a cherished confidant who will never be replaced.

"*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.*" Galatians 5:22

At the time of her death, Wendy left many projects unfinished. Among them: beautiful antique sewing machines unrestored, her decades-old sourdough starter waiting to be fed, the wool from her beloved angora goats still on her spinning wheel, and yards of fabric yet to be dyed and sewn into splendiferous garments. All these things are left undone and will have to be finished by others.

The path God had for Wendy turned out to be much shorter than we expected, but the love and forgiveness Wendy received from God is never ending. She poured that love right back into her friends and family. And forgiveness? Yes, Wendy gracefully extended that to all as well.

Eternal forgiveness and salvation is as close as a prayer offered to The Father.

"*For this is the way God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.*" John 3:16-17

Wendy's Life Song: "More of You, less of me, *That's what I want my life to be."*

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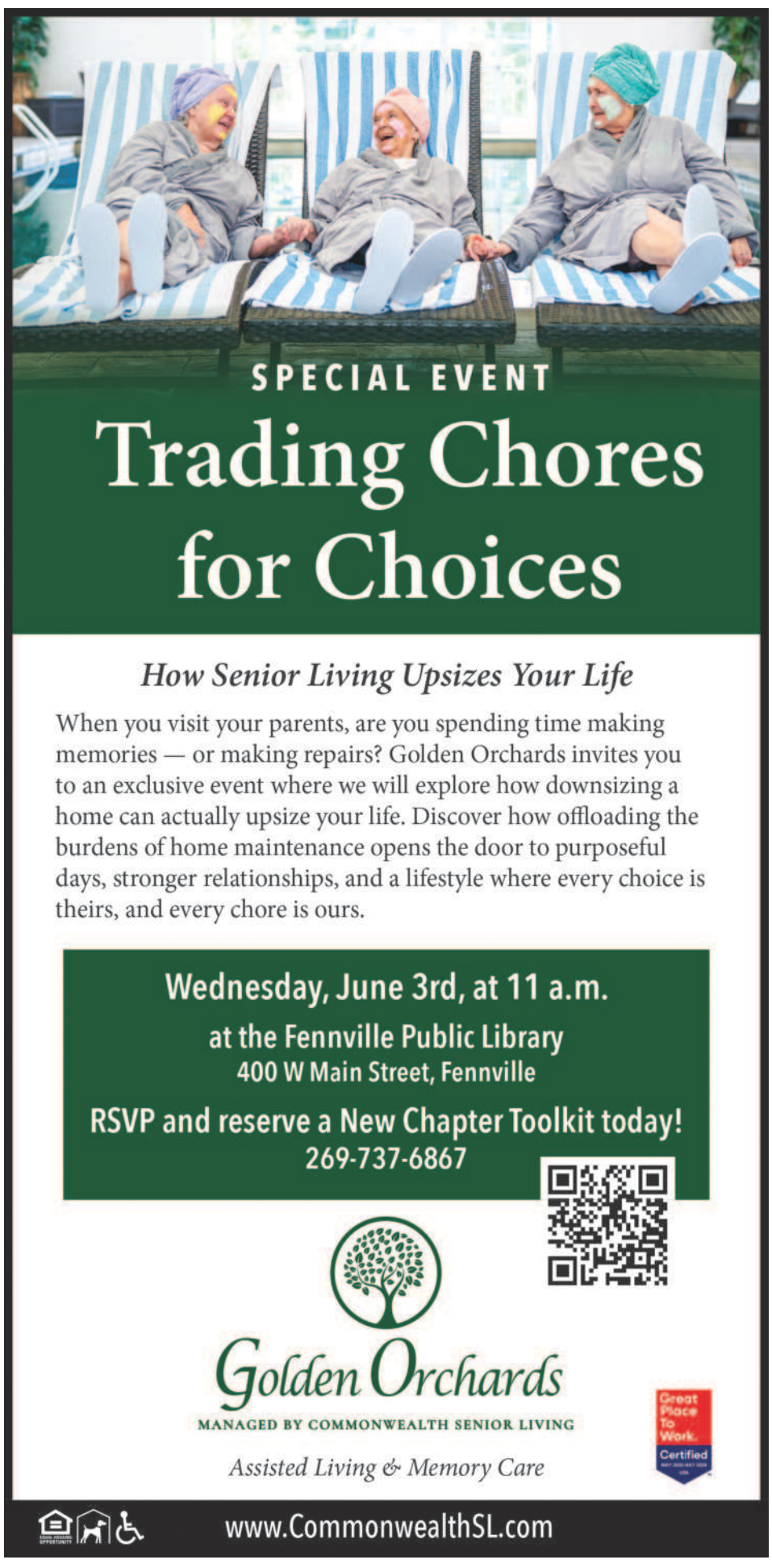

Oakwood Cemetery comes to life

Coming to your local cemetery. Who will come to life on Friday, May 29 and Saturday, May 30, 2026, when the Friends of the Oakwood Cemetery present the 13th Annual Living History Tour? With the theme "Immigrants", any number of residents at Oakwood Cemetery, 314 Western Ave., Allegan, may appear thanks to special research and writing then the acting of local talent who encapsulate the stories of citizens who helped shape Allegan's history. Tickets can be purchased at https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/13th-annual-living-history-cemetery-tour or google 13th Annual Living History Tour tickets. Be sure to specify the day and tour time desired. Tours step off overy 30 minutes from 5-7pm and take about 1 hour. Watch for weather. The tours happen rain or shine so wear comfortable shoes and bring an umbrella if necessary. Pictured from 2022 - WWII glider pilot Douglas Bloomfield came alive as Jesse Dye relived the last days of his life in the Army Air Corps when he was chosen for a dangerous mission to drop ammunition to troops fighting the Germans. Photo: G. Voss

Faces in the Crowd

By G C Stoppel

Back a long, long, very long time ago when you were in elementary school, what was the first thing you wanted to do the day school was out for the summer?

-Woman near the Fennville hardware store: "Well, in junior high, the year I turned 14, I finally got to do what I had always wanted to do, and what I wanted to do was be a waitress at the Blue Goose.I didn't make much money, but I learned a lot, such as not wanting to work in restaurants the rest of my life. I admire anyone who can do it for a long stretch."

-Woman with her: "You remember what my first job was? I was what they called a Mother's Helper. You know help around the house, look after the kids, and that sort of thing. She needed some help all right." Held her right hand up to her face and tipped her head back like she was having something to drink.

-Man near the Allegan Public Library: "What I wanted to do was sleep in. My dad had other ideas, like getting a job mowing lawns or something. I guess was good for me. And we had a big garden, too."

-Woman, same location: "All I thought about was getting out to Camp Kidwell and church camp. I liked Camp Kidwell better because they had horses."

-Man near the Allegan Newspaper office: "All I wanted to do was get up real early in the morning and go fishing. I was maybe 11 or so, and you could do it back then without getting in trouble because the adults weren't hanging around all the time."

-Man, : "The one thing that comes to mind is that I had lots of collections. Baseball cards, of course. and a rock collection, and a fossil collection, stamps, coins. You name it. Dad thought it was all right cause it kept me out of trouble. Mom didn't like me dragging all that stuff into the house."

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Sports

Bulldogs open district play with shutout over Wayland

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

OTSEGO—Otsego wasted little time setting the tone in its Division 2 girls soccer district opener Friday, May 22.

The Bulldogs, ranked sixth in D2, scored twice in the opening eight minutes and controlled play throughout in a 6-0 girls soccer win over visiting Wayland.

Otsego, which also defeated Wayland 8-0 earlier this season, finished with a 31-0 advantage in shots while advancing to the district semifinals.

"Overall, it was a solid game for us," Otsego coach Levi Butcher said. "We had played Wayland a couple months back, so we had a good idea of what to expect.

Peyton Dennany opened the scoring just three minutes into the match before Addi Pfefferman made it 2-0 in the eighth minute off an assist from Peyton Johnson.

Olivia Witteveen added another goal in the 27th minute before assisting on Grace Prough's goal less than a minute later as the Bulldogs took a 4-0 lead into halftime.

Valeria Verdin scored off an assist from Constantine Taylor in the 51st minute, while Prough added her second goal of the night in the 67th minute to cap the scoring.

Butcher said the Bulldogs were able to dictate the style and pace of play throughout the evening.

"We controlled possession and played the game at the tempo we wanted throughout, which was what we set out to do," Butcher said. "We knew we could create a lot of scoring chances if we were patient."

Butcher also liked the way Otsego's depth contributed during the second half.

"It was nice to see our role players contribute so much to the game in the second half," Butcher said. "Those kids work really hard all year and don't always get as many opportunities to show their skills."

The Bulldogs were also able to limit minutes for some of their regular starters entering the semifinal round.

"They also allowed us, along with our control of the tempo, to rest some of our key players a bit more than normal," Butcher said. "That could be massive heading into the semis."

Zoe Alkire and Hallie Prough split time in goal for Otsego and did not face a shot.

Butcher credited the Bulldogs' midfield and defensive units for helping maintain control throughout the match.

"Our midfield and back line did an excellent job of ball-winning all evening," Butcher said. "Though our keepers didn't have a shot to face, both were very steady in possession for us."

Butcher praised the Wayland goalkeeper for battling through heavy pressure throughout the match.

"Credit to Wayland's keeper, as she made some very critical saves under a lot of pressure," he said.

Otsego's Valeria Verdin (14) battles for control of the ball during the Wayland game. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Otsego's Olivia Witteveen (22) jostles for position in the win over Wayland. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Wayland, Hopkins boys place in top 10 at MITCA Meet

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

CLARE—Depth matters at the MITCA Team State track and field meet.

And the boys track teams from Wayland Union and Hopkins both showed plenty of it.

The Wildcats placed eighth and the Vikings finished 10th Saturday, May 23, at the Division 2 MITCA Team State meet hosted by Clare High School. That gave the area two top-10 finishes in a meet designed to reward complete teams rather than just a handful of standout athletes.

Unlike the MHSAA Finals, the MITCA Team State meet focuses strictly on overall team scoring. Schools can enter up to three athletes per event along with relay teams, meaning success often comes down to balance, versatility and lineup depth across the board.

Wayland finished with 944.5 points, while Hopkins totaled 908 points. Frankenmuth won the team title with 1,472 points.

Wayland's sprint group helped lead the way throughout the day.

Junior Jake Reeder turned in one of the area's top individual finishes by placing second in the 200-meter dash in 22.02 seconds. Senior Henry Maass added a seventh-place finish in the 100 (11.25) and took 10th in the 200 (23.02), while senior Brock Wheeler was sixth in the 400 (50.82).

The Wildcats also scored well in the relays, finishing third in the 4x200 relay (1:30.16), fifth in the 4x100 relay (43.98) and fifth in the 4x400 relay (3:31.51). Wayland also placed eighth in the 4x800 relay (8:41.81).

Junior Alex Hubbard added a pair of strong hurdle finishes for Wayland, taking third in the 110 hurdles (15.44) and fifth in the 300 hurdles (40.86).

In the field events, junior Justin Springs placed sixth in the long jump with a leap of 21 feet, 4 inches, while senior Ashton Kuhlman was ninth in the shot put at 46-10.25.

Hopkins leaned heavily on its sprint and distance depth throughout the meet.

Senior Kellen Ford finished fourth in the 100-meter dash (11.16) and sixth in the 200 (22.76), while senior Jack Estelle turned in a runner-up finish in the 3200 run with a time of 9:44.76.

Sophomore Kash Moored added a ninth-place finish in the 800 (2:03.92) and was 13th in the 1600 (4:42.46).

The Vikings also scored points in multiple relays, including a fifth-place finish in the 4x800 relay (8:26.67) and a sixth-place effort in the 4x100 relay (44.06).

Senior Clayton Kerber placed ninth in the 110 hurdles (15.92) and 12th in the 300 hurdles (41.71), while junior Graycin Ingle took fourth in the pole vault after clearing 12-9.

Junior Parker Warners added a fourth-place finish in the long jump with a personal-record leap of 21-6.

Both programs qualified for the meet through season-long rankings based on performances submitted to Athletic.net, with only the top Division 2 teams in the state earning invitations.

The boys track teams from Wayland (above) and Hopkins (below) both competed at the MITCA Team State Meet, with both finishing in the top 10. (Photos provided)

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ATHLETE of the WEEK

Caitlyn Ridgeway
Plainwell
Girls Soccer

On Wednesday, May 20, the Plainwell girls soccer team opened postseason play with a 2-0 win over Middleville.

Trojan junior Caitlyn Ridgeway was a big reason for that.

Ridgeway played a role in both goals, scoring one and assisting on the other to help lift Plainwell to a Division 2 district semifinal.

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Bulldogs enjoy memorable week

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

BATTLE CREEK—A rough start at the Gull Lake Tournament didn't keep the Otsego softball team down for long.

After opening the tournament with a 13-1 loss to Dowagiac on Saturday, May 16, the Bulldogs bounced back with impressive wins over state-ranked Unity Christian and Wayland to finish the day 2-1.

Otsego defeated Unity Christian 9-2 before knocking off Wayland 10-4. Dowagiac went on to win the tournament.

The strong tournament showing capped an impressive overall week for the Bulldogs, who also swept Sturgis, split a doubleheader with Harper Creek and picked up a win over Thornapple Kellogg.

Freshman Rylee Knash helped lead the offensive charge during the stretch, hitting .607 at the plate after going 17-for-28 across eight games.

Knash also totaled 17 RBI during the week while collecting five doubles and a triple.

Senior Audrey Lingbeek also delivered a huge week for Otsego.

Lingbeek finished 13-for-24 (.542) with two triples, three doubles and two home runs — including a grand slam — while also driving in 17 runs.

In the circle, Lingbeek earned wins against Harper Creek, Sturgis, Thornapple Kellogg and Unity Christian. She also came on in relief to close out the victory over Wayland.

Lingbeek also reached a major career milestone during the week, recording her 600th career strikeout during the Bulldogs' win over Unity Christian. By the end of the tournament, she had pushed her career total to 608 strikeouts.

Otsego senior Audrey Lingbeek recently surpassed 600 career strikeouts. (Photo provided)

Otsego freshman Rylee Knash continues to shine at the plate for the Bulldogs. (Photo provided)

Saugatuck boys place 10th at Division 3 MITCA State Meet

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

MANTON—Saugatuck's boys track and field team proved it belonged among Division 3's best on Saturday.

The Trailblazers placed 10th at the MITCA Team State Finals in Manton, finishing in the top 10 against a field made up exclusively of some of the top-ranked teams in the state.

Saugatuck finished with 1,182.5 points in the final standings. Ithaca won the Division 3 boys title with 1,649 points, followed by Manton and Adrian Madison.

Unlike the traditional MHSAA state finals, the MITCA Team State meet emphasizes overall roster depth. Teams qualify based on season-long performances across every event, with scoring designed to reward balanced teams rather than just a few standout athletes.

Saugatuck showed exactly that kind of balance throughout the meet.

Freshman Charles Robison once again turned in one of the day's top performances for the Trailblazers. Robison placed fourth in the 300-meter hurdles with a personal-record time of 41.17 seconds, while also taking fifth in both the 100-meter dash (11.57) and 200-meter dash (23.4).

The Trailblazers also got a runner-up finish from their 4x800 relay team of Alec Diaz, Ira Brown, Sawyer Monroe and Grant Rehkopf, which crossed the line in 8:21.49.

Rehkopf added another top-five finish individually, placing fourth in the 800-meter run in 2:04.12.

Saugatuck also received points and strong performances throughout the lineup, helping the Trailblazers secure their top-10 finish.

Additional notable performances included:

* Chase Skinner placing 18th in the 400-meter dash, 25th in the high jump and helping the 4x400 relay team finish ninth.

* Alec Diaz taking 13th in the 400 and running on the second-place 4x800 relay.

* Grady Palmer setting a personal best in the 400 with a time of 54.62.

* Sammy Gamboa placing 16th in the 800 with a personal-record time of 2:07.79.

* Marcus Silva taking 12th in the 3,200-meter run.

* Ira Brown placing 16th in the 3,200.

* Ashton Skinner placing 19th in the 110 hurdles, 24th in the 300 hurdles and 14th in the pole vault with a personal-record clearance of 10 feet, 6 inches.

* The 4x400 relay team of Chase Skinner, Robison, Rehkopf and Diaz placing ninth in 3:43.81.

* Colton Myler recording a personal best in the long jump at 19-7.

* Lincoln Church posting a personal best in the shot put at 37-5.25 while also placing 16th in the discus.

Otsego baseball splits on Senior Night

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

OTSEGO--Otsego bounced back from a tough opening-game loss to earn a split with visiting Coldwater during a non-league baseball doubleheader on Senior Night Thursday, May 21.

After dropping the opener 11-1, the Bulldogs responded with a 5-2 victory in the nightcap behind a strong pitching effort from Kaleb Hildebrand and a balanced offensive attack.

Between the games, Otsego honored seniors Nic Adams, Logan Brinkhuis, Brennan Perry, Jaxon Ray, Kaleb Hildebrand and Matthew Jackson.

In the second game, Hildebrand tossed six innings and allowed two runs on seven hits while striking out seven. Brennan Perry worked a scoreless seventh inning to close out the win.

Otsego finished with six hits in the contest, with Perry, Ray, Nolan Whitmore, Merrill Bailey, Dillon Campbell and Reid Anderson each collecting singles.

The Bulldogs scored once in the second inning before adding four more runs in the fourth to build a 5-2 lead.

Coldwater collected seven hits in the game, but Otsego's pitching staff limited further damage after the visitors scored two runs in the third inning.

In the opener, Coldwater scored five times in the first inning and never looked back.

Matthew Jackson pitched five innings for Otsego, allowing two earned run on one hit while striking out four.

The Bulldogs managed just one hit offensively, with Perry recording a double.

Area girls soccer teams advance

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Postseason play got off to a strong start for area girls soccer teams last week.

Plainwell and Hamilton each earned Division 2 district-opening victories on Wednesday, May 20, while Fennville rolled to a win in its Division 4 opener that same evening. Allegan advanced in Division 3 after receiving a forfeit victory.

Plainwell opened district play with a 2-0 road win over Thornapple Kellogg in Middleville.

Alyanna Eldred and Caitlyn Ridgway each scored goals for the Trojans, while Ridgway also added an assist. Goalkeeper Ranger posted the shutout as Plainwell improved to 13-5 overall.

Hamilton hosted Holland and earned the 2-1 win. Joselyn Paskvan and Maci Brott each scored goals for Hamilton.

In Division 4 action, Fennville cruised to a 5-0 victory over visiting Bloomingdale.

Andy Balke led the Blackhawks with two goals, while Candela Ruiz contributed a goal and three assists. Kimberly Mendoza-Hunyh added a goal and an assist, while Anahi Sanchez also scored.

Marisol Diaz chipped in two assists and Leslie Hernandez recorded three saves to earn the shutout in goal.

Allegan was scheduled to host Grand River Prep in a Division 3 district opener on Friday, May 22. But Grand River Prep wasn't unable to field enough players, giving the Tigers the automatic win.

Senior Shea Hodapp is seen in a recent game for Plainwell. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Wayland girls compete at MITCA

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

CLARE—Wayland's girls track and field team capped its season by competing alongside some of the top Division 2 programs in the state at the MITCA Team State Finals on Saturday at Clare High School.

The Wildcats finished 15th overall, but the bigger accomplishment was simply earning a spot in the field. Teams qualify for the meet through season-long rankings that reward overall depth and balance across all events.

Wayland finished with 814.5 points in the team standings. Holland Christian won the Division 2 girls title with 1,807 points, followed by Coopersville and Remus Chippewa Hills.

The Wildcats were led by a pair of standout performances from seniors Evie Mathis and Laney Wolf.

Mathis claimed an individual title in the pole vault, clearing 10 feet, 9 inches to win the event. She also added a 10th-place finish in the long jump and helped the Wildcats place fifth in the 4x200 relay and 11th in the 4x100 relay.

Wolf also earned an individual victory, winning the 200-meter dash in 26.80 seconds. She added a fourth-place finish in the 100 meters with a time of 13.02.

Wayland's 4x200 relay team of Mathis, Quinn Reeder, Wolf and Ryleigh Haveman finished fifth in 1:50.00, while the 4x100 relay squad of Mathis, Reeder, Wolf and Jordan Grevenstuk placed 11th in 53.71.

The Wildcats also received a strong showing in the pole vault, where Megan Stack tied for eighth at 8-9 and Bre Hoogewind finished 12th at 8-0.

Other notable performances included:

* Abree VanDenBrink placing 17th in both the 1,600-meter run and 3,200-meter run.

* Lillian "Lilli" Lakosky finishing 16th in the 300 hurdles.

* The 4x400 relay team of Tessa Miller, Hoogewind, Haveman and Ayva Mulder placing 15th.

* Mackenzie Kositzky taking 19th in the discus and 21st in the shot put.

Wildcats celebrate another league title, birthday fun

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

WYOMING—It was a week filled with championships, big innings and plenty of reasons to celebrate for the Wayland softball team.

The Wildcats locked up an undefeated OK Gold Conference season and the program's 31st conference championship with a doubleheader sweep of Wyoming on Wednesday, May 20, before splitting a non-league doubleheader against Caledonia on Friday, May 22.

The week also included a special celebration for longtime coach Cheri Ritz, who was honored by the team on her 67th birthday with custom T-shirts, temporary tattoos featuring Ritz and cupcakes following Friday's games.

Wayland opened the week by defeating Wyoming 7-2 and 9-5 to finish conference play unbeaten.

In the opener, Rae Stallard drove in five runs on three hits to pace the Wildcats. Stallard doubled home a run in the third inning, added an RBI single in the fifth and later broke the game open with a three-run double in the sixth.

Mackenzie Kositzky added a solo home run, while Clara Dutkiewicz collected two hits.

Madi Ludema earned the win in the circle, striking out 10 while allowing two runs over seven innings.

Wayland completed the sweep in dramatic fashion in Game 2.

Trailing 5-1 entering the bottom of the fifth inning, the Wildcats rallied to tie the game before scoring four more runs in the sixth to pull away for the 9-5 victory.

Stallard again delivered in a big moment, driving in four runs, while Shelby VanHouten doubled home a pair of runs during the comeback.

Dutkiewicz led the Wildcats with four hits, while Ludema and VanHouten each added multiple hits in the 14-hit effort.

Kositzky started in the circle and Ludema tossed a scoreless inning of relief.

Wayland carried that momentum into Friday's non-league matchup with Caledonia, earning a split.

Wayland softball players surprised coach Cheri Ritz with T-shirts and tattoos featuring her likeness in honor of her 67th birthday. (Photo provided)

The Wildcats rolled to a 14-3 victory in the opener thanks largely to an 11-run third inning.

Kositzky highlighted the outburst with a two-run home run, while Stallard doubled home two runs and Kaylee Lown added an RBI double.

Lown finished 3-for-5 at the plate, while Stallard, Ludema and Kositzky each drove in two runs.

Ludema earned the win after allowing three runs — none earned — over six innings.

Wayland nearly completed the sweep, but Caledonia held on for a 5-4 win in the nightcap despite a huge performance from Lown.

Lown collected four hits, including two doubles, as the Wildcats out-hit Caledonia 11-10 in the loss.

Stallard and Madison Jordan each added multiple hits for Wayland.

Rewa leads Trailblazers to victory in district opener

Senior Neave Rewa prepares to score the first of her four goals against Bangor in district play. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

SAUGATUCK—Neave Rewa wasn't about to let her high school soccer career end quietly.

The Saugatuck senior continued to add to her already impressive legacy Friday, May 22, scoring four goals to help lead the Trailblazers to a 6-1 victory over Bangor in the opening round of the Division 3 district tournament hosted by Saugatuck.

Rewa, who already owns the program's single-season and career scoring records, helped the Trailblazers keep their season alive and advance to the district semifinals against top-seeded Zion Christian.

Saugatuck had defeated Bangor 3-1 earlier this season, but the Vikings briefly made things interesting after Rewa scored a pair of early goals to put the Trailblazers ahead 2-0.

Bangor answered to cut the deficit to 2-1 before Saugatuck regained control late in the first half.

This time, Rewa turned provider, setting up classmate Avery Smith for a goal just before halftime to send the Trailblazers into the break with a 3-1 advantage.

From there, Saugatuck took over.

Jordan Sanders added a goal off another assist from Smith, while Rewa capped her big night with two more scores. One of those came off an assist from senior Julia Lowery and featured what Saugatuck coach Neal Phillips described as a "beautiful hovering low-corner finish."

Senior Estelle McParlan returned to the lineup after a short absence and helped strengthen a defensive effort that limited Bangor's chances throughout the second half.

The win keeps Saugatuck's season going for at least one more match—and gives Rewa another opportunity to continue building on one of the top careers in program history.

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Otsego, Plainwell celebrate graduation 2026

Graduates from Otsego and Plainwell high schools celebrated the completion of their high school journeys during commencement ceremonies held last week

Otsego High School held its graduation ceremony on Wednesday, May 20, while Plainwell High School followed with its ceremony on Thursday, May 21. Family members, friends, school staff and community members filled the stands at both events to recognize the accomplishments of the Class of 2026.

Each ceremony featured remarks from school administrators, student speakers and honored graduates. Otsego principal Thomas Reed and Plainwell principal Marvin Taylor addressed their respective graduating classes, reflecting on the students' accomplishments while encouraging them as they prepare for the next chapter of their lives.

Valedictorians and salutatorians from both schools were also among the featured speakers during the ceremonies, sharing memories, gratitude and words of encouragement with classmates.

Members of each district's board of education joined administrators and staff in presenting diplomas as graduates crossed the stage to officially complete their high school careers.

Photos above show scenes from Otsego's commencement ceremony, while the photos below are from Plainwell's graduation ceremony the following evening. (Photos by Jason Wesseldyk)

New manufacturing facility opens in Plainwell industrial park

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

A new manufacturing facility is officially up and running in Plainwell.

Profielnorm USA, part of the Netherlands-based PRN Group, recently celebrated the opening of its new facility in Plainwell's industrial park, marking what company officials described as a major step in the company's continued expansion into the United States market.

Production is already underway at the facility, according to the company, with additional outfitting and expansion work continuing as operations grow.

The company manufactures mezzanines and warehouse solutions and said the Plainwell location will help provide faster service and closer support for customers throughout the United States.

The official opening ceremony on April 21 included local and international representatives, along with company officials and community leaders. Among those participating were Plainwell City Manager Justin Lakamper, Otsego-Plainwell Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Miranda Beltran and Eric Strating, consul general of the Netherlands in Chicago.

Company CEO Matthijs Schot said the decision to locate in Michigan was about more than just business.

"We have been given a very warm welcome here in Michigan," Schot said. "We chose this state because the people and values here strongly align with our own."

Schot added that the company felt at home in the area "from the very beginning."

The opening represents a significant investment in both the local community and the company's long-term plans in the United States.

According to the company, having a local manufacturing facility will allow Profielnorm USA to better respond to growing demand while staying closely involved with customers throughout projects.

Company officials said local employees are already being trained to operate equipment and support production at the new site.

Managing Director Henry Dingemans called the opening "a major step" for both the local facility and the overall company.

"The welcome we have received in Michigan has been outstanding, and we feel a strong connection with the local community," Dingemans said. "We are excited about what lies ahead as we continue to grow our presence in the United States and build lasting partnerships here."

The grand opening also included guests from across the United States and Europe, with additional PRN Group employees from the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and Poland joining the ceremony through a livestream.

Following the ceremony, guests toured the area and later visited the Gilmore Car Museum as part of the celebration.

Company officials said the Plainwell facility represents the next chapter in the company's continued growth and commitment to serving customers throughout the United States.

Chamber welcomes summer intern focused on community engagement

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The Otsego-Plainwell Area Chamber of Commerce has added a new face to its team for the summer.

Raegan Hoellrich recently joined the chamber as its Event & Community Engagement Intern, where she will assist with chamber events and help connect with local businesses, organizations and residents throughout the Otsego-Plainwell area.

According to Chamber Executive Director Miranda Beltran, Hoellrich stood out during the selection process because of both her background and enthusiasm for community involvement.

"Raegan really stood out to us because of her drive, professionalism and genuine desire to make a positive impact in the community," Beltran said. "She also comes from a small-town background, which we felt aligned well with the values and community-focused mission of our Chamber."

Hoellrich is a recent graduate of Green State University, where she studied tourism, hospitality and event management.

"I am so grateful for the opportunity to work with the Otsego Plainwell Chamber," Hoellrich said. "I am originally from the small town of Holgate, Ohio, and have recently made the move to the Plainwell area. I am so excited to be a part of this community."

Beltran said Hoellrich's primary focus this summer will be helping organize the Chamber Golf Outing scheduled for July 17, while also taking part in outreach efforts and community events across the area.

"She'll be helping us better understand the needs of our local commerce community and supporting Chamber events and outreach efforts," Beltran said.

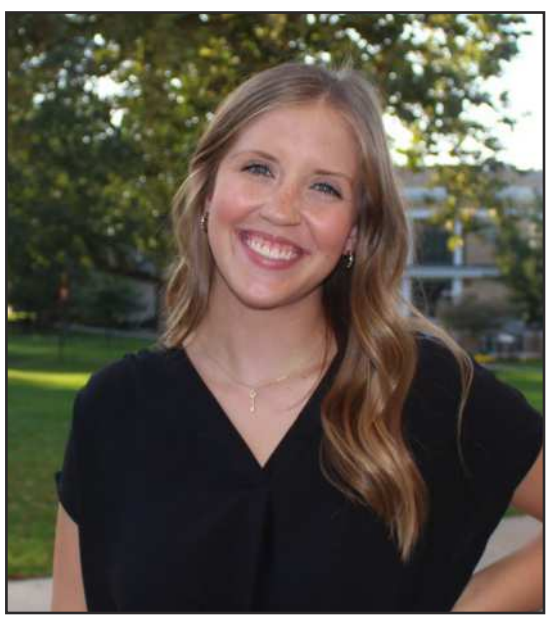
Hoellrich will serve in the role through July 31.

Beltran said the chamber hopes the internship provides valuable experience while also strengthening local connections.

"Raegan brings a fresh perspective, positive energy and a strong willingness to learn, and we're excited to see the impact she will make during her time with the Chamber," Beltran said.

Beltran also noted the importance of young professionals becoming involved in local communities and leadership opportunities.

"I'd also like to mention how valuable it is for organizations like ours to have young professionals interested in community engagement and local leadership," Beltran said.



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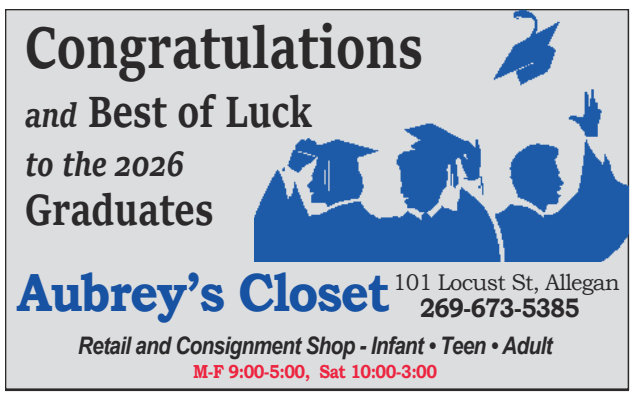

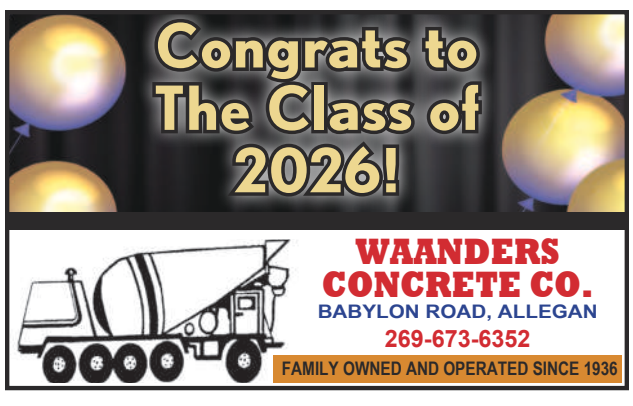

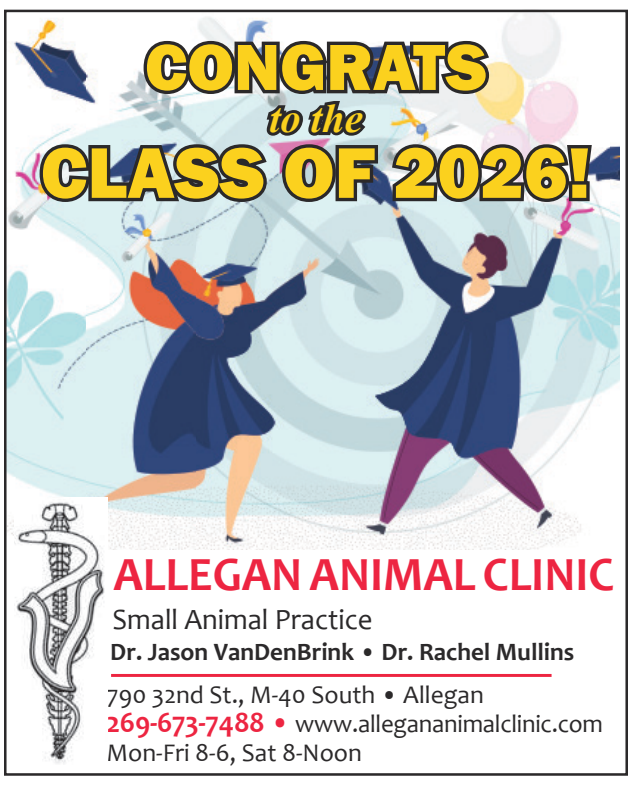

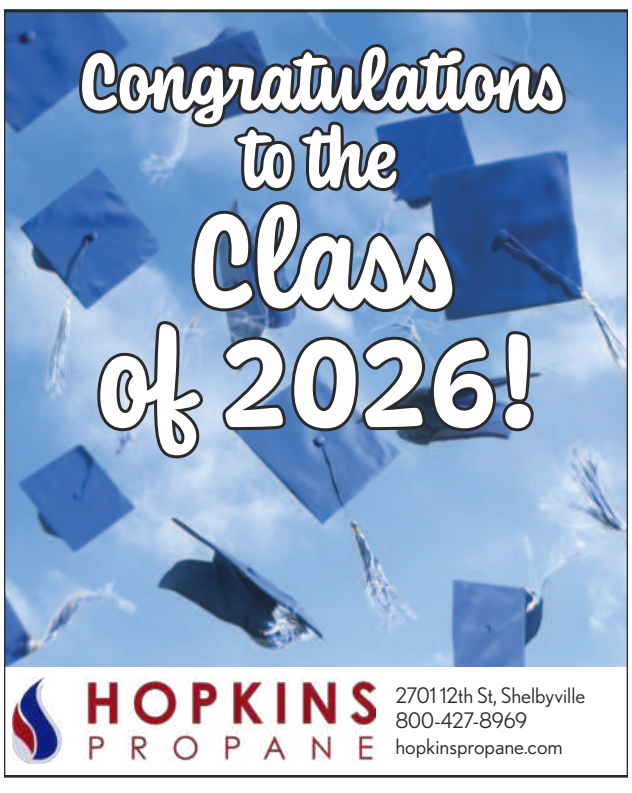

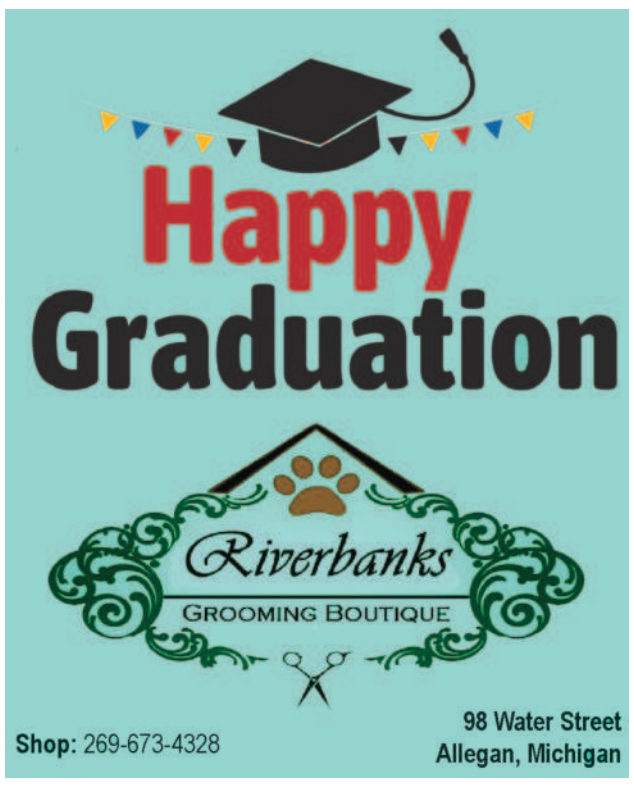

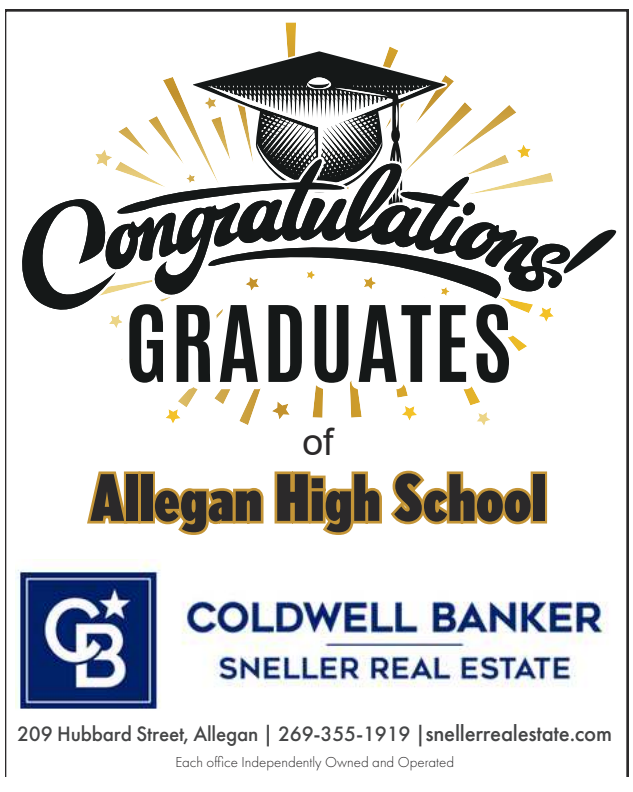

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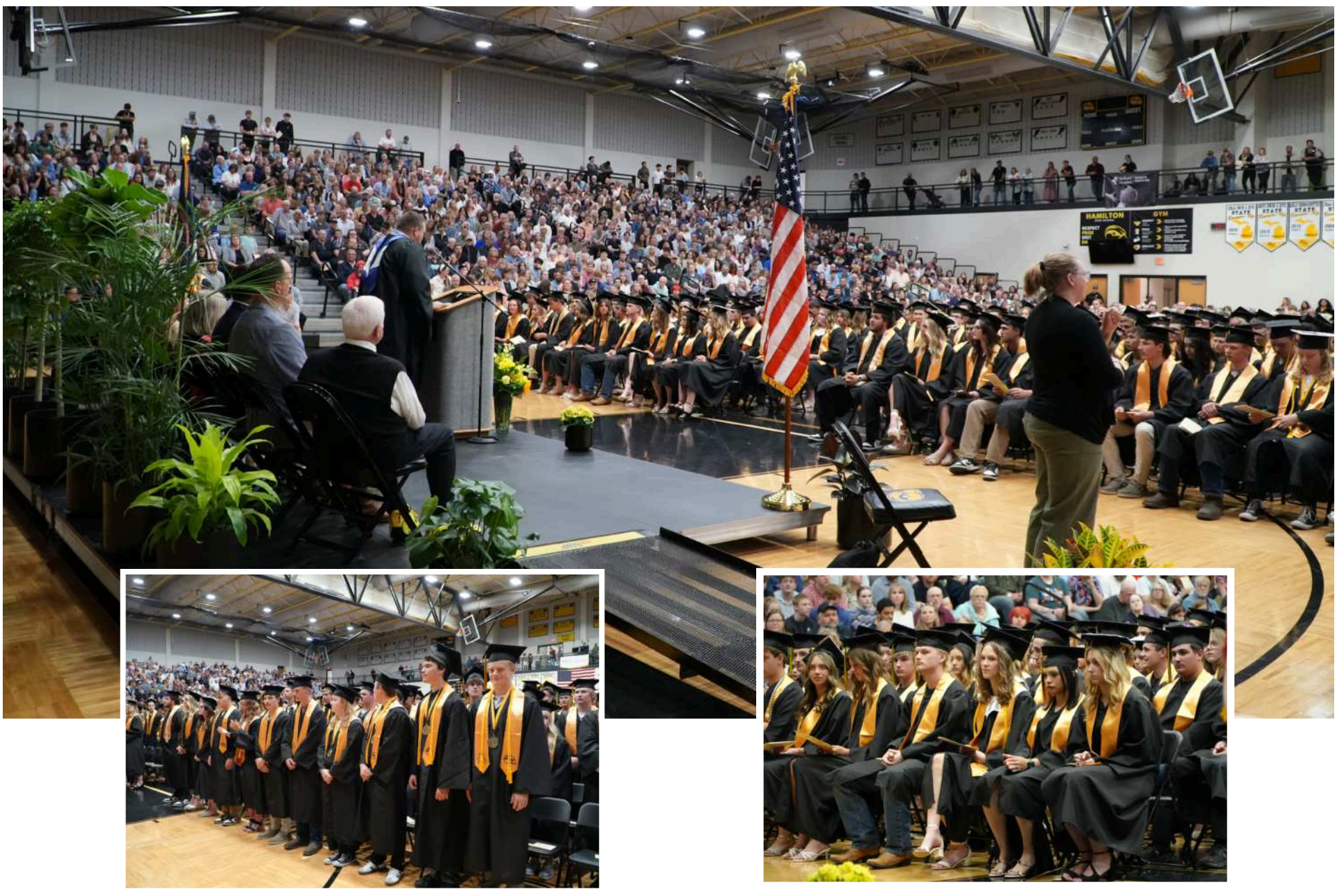

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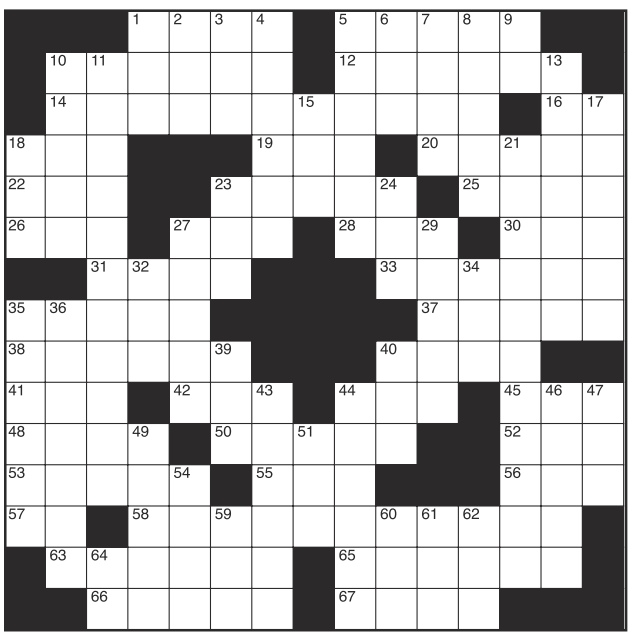

CLUES ACROSS
1. Streetcar
5. Take __ of it!
10. SW Asia peninsula
12. Beating wings to escape from a perch
14. One who revitalizes
16. Indicates position
18. Dishonorable man
19. Singer King Cole
20. Short-tailed marten
22. One point east (clockwise) of due north
23. The god of the underworld in ancient mythology
25. Dirt
26. Superconducting super collider
27. Not good
28. A way to sink
30. Unwell
31. Follow orders
33. Deep ravine
35. Perfumery practice
37. Indian film director Sultan
38. Member of U.S. Navy
40. Wing-like
41. Very fast airplane
42. Slang for cigarette
44. Most cars still need it
45. Political war chest
48. Cools down
50. Diminish toward one end
52. Indigenous person of Thailand
53. Combined
55. Container
56. Expression of satisfaction
57. Thou
58. Return a favor
63. Go over once more
65. Removed
66. 'Silence of the __'
67. Comedian Rogen

CLUES DOWN
1. Children's game
2. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
3. Own (Scottish)
4. Female follower of Bacchus
5. Subsides
6. Protects from weather
7. Spanish municipality
8. Supermarket chain
9. Domain name
10. Semitic peoples
11. Designs anew
13. City associated with Jesus
15. Cool!
17. Bank employee
18. Central nervous system
21. Standardized piece of text
23. A type of fever
24. Baglike structure in a plant or animal
27. Threaten persistently
29. Aspirations
32. Baby's eating accessory
34. Actress Thurman
35. Turn into bone
36. One who saves you
39. Consume
40. Swiss river
43. A part of a river where the current is very fast
44. Categories
46. Expressed amazement
47. ItÕs important in respiration (abbr.)
49. Greek war dance
51. Bland, semi-liquid food
54. Regard in a specified way
59. Taxi
60. Naturally occurring solid material
61. Feline
62. Post-burning residue
64. Elevated railroad

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Marriages

The following people applied for a marriage license between May 12 and May 20:

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JACKSON WAYNE WEBER, Hamilton, and **AUBREY ADAIR VANDENBERG**, Holland
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DAVID ALLEN CORNISH, Allegan, and **MAELEA MARIE MARTIN**, Delton
TYLER JACOB ZIGTERMAN, Wayland, and **LINDA MARIE JUNGE**, Wayland
TESSA ANN OLSEN, Dorr, and **TYLER JOHN MAST**, Dorr
JOSHUA ERNEST THAXTON, Allegan, and **RAEANNE M OLIVERI**, Allegan
HANNAH NICOLE RIENSTRA, Wayland, and **SCOTT ALLEN KUIPER**, Wyoming
KAYLA GRACE CLARK, Allegan, and **CHARLES ZACHARY BENTING**, Hopkins
NICHOLAS ANTHONY PICA, Allegan, and **ABBY ANN WEST**, Allegan
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MICHAEL IVAN IRVING, Otsego, and **CAROL ANN MASON**, Otsego
MATTHEW ALBERT PAVLIK, Wayland, and **ASHLEIGH RENEE WALLIN**, Wayland
LEWIS ERWIN WILLIAMS JR, Dorr, and **ABIGAIL ELIZABETH MOENCH**, Dorr
CELIA JAYNE BARBER, Hudsonville, and **JEREMY JUSTIN ADAMS**, Wayland
DALTON THOMAS LAMB, Shelbyville, and **OLIVIA DANIELLE LANGWORTHY**, Shelbyville
JORDON JAMES SALMON, Allegan, and **MARY CATHERINE MORRIS**, Allegan

Deaths

May 3, 2026
CRAIG ALLEN SWEIGART, 67, Saugatuck Twp.
May 9, 2026
JOHN GARDNER PETERKIN, 75, Saugatuck
JEFFREY COOPER, 60, Otsego Twp.
LOIS DIANE ROBERTS, 80, Allegan Twp.
May 11, 2026
HAVIS WALTER KING, 90, Casco Twp.
May 12, 2026
GARY LEE BUSH, 80, Wayland
DANIEL DAVID SHIREY, 61, Laketown Twp.
JOAN DORTHEA MOQUIST, 66, Allegan Twp.
May 13, 2026
DARLENE DORIS SYERS, 94, Otsego
WENDY LYNN HALLGREN, 61, Overisel Twp.
May 14, 2026
HARRIS WARREN HUYSER, 92, Manlius Twp.
May 15, 2026
TIMOTHY PAUL JOHNSON, 74, Clyde Twp.
ELINER JEAN SCHULTZ, 93, Holland
May 17, 2026
PATRICIA ANN FERGUSON, 78, Plainwell
GABRIEL GARCIA, 63, Salem Twp.

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3rd Row: Kristina Jelinek, James Gruber, Haylen Buell, Weson Elkins, Matias Garcia Asenjo Cuesta, Michael Chilel-Chun, Noah Smith, Marybeth Ritchie, Lena Breitbach, Sara Snider

2nd Row: Bryer Watson, lan Lynch, Karlie Dolan, Caiden Kuester, Charles Vaughn, Jadelynn Hooper, Isaac Suk, Mason Morales, Benjamin Romero-Ramos

Front (1st) Row: Isabella Clark, Kendra Goddard, Crysta Kerley, Cheyanna Holden, Gabriel Lynch, Olivia Lenhart, Alice Kadlecova, Alley Bacon, Torryn Harris, Eden Suk

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(04-30)(06-04)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Mathew W Prins and Melissa Prins, Husband and Wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc.

Date of Mortgage: January 5, 2015

Date of Mortgage Recording: January 8, 2015

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $110,758.91

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Heath, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing At A Point On The West Line Of P.M. Railroad Right Of Way, 52 Rods And 13 Feet South From North Township Line, Thence West 13 Rods And 14 Feet; Thence North 6 Rods And 13 Feet; Thence East To West Line Of Said P.M. Railroad Right Of Way, Thence Southeasterly Along The West Line Of Said Railroad Right Of Way To Place Of Beginning, Being Part Of The Northwest 1/4 Of Section 6, Town 3 North, Range 14 West. Also, Commencing 759 Feet South Of The North Section And Township Line And The Westerly Line Of P.M. Railway, Thence West To A Point 285 Feet West Of The North And South 1/4 Line Of Section 6, Town 3 North, Range 14 West, Thence North 33 Feet; Thence East To The Westerly Line Of Said Pere Marquette Railway Right Of Way; Thence Southeasterly Along Said Line To Place Of Beginning, All In The Northwest 1/4 Of Section 6, Town 3 North, Range 14 West. Subject To Driveway Easement Set Forth In Deed Recorded In Liber 407, Page 81. Together With Grant Of Easement For Ingress And Egress As Recorded In Liber 981 On Page 173.

Common street address (if any): 3570 Trackside Dr, Hamilton, MI 49419-9029

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Brandon Lee Stevenson, a single man

Original Mortgagee: Lake Michigan Credit Union

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None

Date of Mortgage: August 11, 2021

Date of Mortgage Recording: August 18, 2021

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $62,678.16

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Wayland, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at a point 420 feet North of the Section Line of the West side of the following described property for a point of beginning. The East 20 acres of the South 44 acres of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest fractional 1/4 of Section 30, Town 3 North, Range 11 West, except that part which lies West of a line 125 feet Easterly of, measured at right angles, and parallel to the survey line of Highway US-131; thence East 210 feet; thence South 420 feet; thence West to a point 125 feet Easterly of, measured at right angles, and parallel to the survey line of Highway US-131; thence Northwesterly along the East boundary line of US-131 to West line of property first described; thence North to point of beginning. Subject to right-of-way recorded at Liber 765, Pages 279 and 280.

Common street address (if any): 1165 126th Ave, Shelbyville, MI 49344-9521

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Lisa Hale and Shane Hale, wife and husband

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation

Date of Mortgage: February 16, 2022

Date of Mortgage Recording: March 1, 2022

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $204,417.74

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Martin, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing 586.74 feet North of the Southeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 30, Town 2 North, Range 11 West, as a point of beginning, thence West 12 rods, thence North 70 feet, thence East 12 rods, thence South 70 feet to the place of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 1520 10th St, Martin, MI 49070-9728

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Joshua Prihoda, unmarried

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Rocket Mortgage, LLC successor by merger to Nationstar Mortgage LLC

Date of Mortgage: March 7, 2022

Date of Mortgage Recording: March 22, 2022

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $203,525.39

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Gunplain, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: A parcel of land in the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 36, commencing at the place of intersection of the Northerly line of Highway M-89 as relocated with the West 1/8 line of said Section; thence South 74 degrees 37 minutes 40 seconds East along the Northerly line of Highway M-89 as relocated 324.4 feet to the place of beginning of this description; thence North 00 degrees 09 minutes 40 seconds West 141.72 feet; thence South 83 degrees 43 minutes East 252.14 feet; thence South 00 degrees 09 minutes 40 seconds East 183.06 feet to Northerly line of Highway M-89 as relocated; thence Northwesterly along Northerly line of Highway M-89 as relocated to place of beginning, Section 36, Town 1 North, Range 11 West.

Common street address (if any): 137 M 89, Plainwell, MI 49080-9554

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: May 21, 2026
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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(05-21)(06-11)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
57th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
ORDER REGARDING
ALTERNATE SERVICE

LEGAL NOTICE

Hutchins Lake Board
Allegan County, Michigan

HEARING OF PRACTICABILITY AND HEARING OF ASSESSMENT

TAKE NOTICE that the Hutchins Lake Board will hold a public hearing at 5:00 pm on Thursday, June 11, 2026 at the Clyde Township Hall, 1679 56th Street, Fennville, Michigan to determine the practicability of a five-year improvement project for Hutchins Lake. The lake improvement project would include aquatic plant control, lake management consulting, water quality monitoring, and contingency. The project would begin in 2027 and continue through 2031, with an annual budget of $33,000.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a special assessment roll has been prepared and is available for public examination during normal business hours at the Allegan County Drain Commissioner's Office, 3283 122nd Avenue, Allegan, Michigan. Said special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the cost of the improvement project to benefiting properties.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, if the project is found practicable, the Hutchins Lake Board will hold a hearing of assessment immediately following the aforementioned hearing of practicability for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and for hearing any objections thereto. An owner of or party with interest in real property to be assessed or his/her agent may appear in person to object to the special assessment or may protest such special assessment by letter filed with the Lake Board at or prior to the time of the hearing, in which case personal appearance is not required. Written objections may be filed with or mailed to the Hutchins Lake Board c/o Allegan County Drain Commissioner's Office, 3283 122nd Avenue, Allegan, Michigan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the owner of or any party with interest in real property within the Hutchins Lake Special Assessment District who, having protested said special assessment either in person or in writing, may, within thirty (30) days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll has been published in a newspaper of general circulation, appeal such special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal or other court of competent jurisdiction.

The above-referenced hearings are being held pursuant to Part 309 of Public Act No. 451 of 1994, as amended.

Hutchins Lake Board
Allegan County, Michigan

CITY OF ALLEGAN

PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Planning Commission of the City of Allegan, Michigan, shall hold a public hearing on Monday, June 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 231 Trowbridge, Allegan, MI to consider the following matters:

1. A possible text amendment to Section 24.36 of the City of Allegan Zoning Ordinance for the purposes of permitting overnight parking and occupation of recreational vehicles within the Central Business District under limited circumstances and clarifying the permitted areas for the storage or parking of a recreational vehicle within residential zoning districts.

2. Such other and further business as comes properly before the Planning Commission.

A copy of the application and other related materials is available for viewing at City Hall during regular business hours. Questions and comments regarding this petition may be submitted prior to the Public Hearing to the Zoning Administrator at 1575 142nd Ave. Dorr, MI 49323 or calling 616-888-6156.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE the City of Allegan will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the hearing to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) days written notice to the City Clerk at 231 Trowbridge Street, Allegan, MI, 49010 or by phone at 269-673-5511.

JOEL DYE, MANAGER
CITY OF ALLEGAN
269-673-5511

CITY OF FENNVILLE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Zoning Board of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to PA 110 of 2006, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, the Zoning Board of Appeals of the City of Fennville shall hold a public hearing for the purpose of deliberating the following items on Monday, June 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Fennville City Hall, 125 S Maple Street, Fennville, MI 49408.

1. Request for Variance from Michael West of Michigan Housing Partners, LLC, interested party, to construct a residential dwelling within the closer than 15 feet from the edge of the Fennville Street Right of Way in the B-1 Downtown Edge District, per Section 450-1206(A) of the City of Fennville Zoning Ordinance at 113 W Fennville Street, also known as Permanent Parcel 03-52-350-006-00.
2. Any other such business as comes legally before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

A copy of the application and related materials are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

This meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for City residents and interested citizens to express their opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the petition. Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention of the City Commissioner at Fennville City Hall, 125 S Maple Street, Fennville, MI 49408 or by calling City Hall at (269) 561-8321. All written comments must be received by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2026.

If any resident has a physical disability which may limit his/her participation in this hearing, please notify City Hall at least five (5) days prior to the hearing so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

KATIE BEEMER, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
CITY OF FENNVILLE
(269) 561-8321

Public Notices

CASE NO. 25-03866-SP and JUDGE Judge: SKOCELAS
Plaintiff's name, address, and telephone no.
Maria McCartney Trustee of Integrity Solo 401K
c/o Plaintiff's Counse
Plaintiff's attorney, bar no., address, and telephone no.
SOTTILE AND BARILE, LLC
David C. Nalley (P82119), Franco Barile (P69468), & Anthony Schievelbein (P88196),
394 Wards Corner Road, Suite 180, Loveland, OH 45140
440.572.1511 / foreclosure@sottile-andbarile.com
v
Defendant's name, address, and telephone no.
Jeannette M. Meade
357 West Orleans Street, Ostego, MI 49078
Nathan T. Clark
357 West Orleans Street, Ostego, MI 49078
Unknown Occupant(s), if any
357 West Orleans Street, Ostego, MI 49078
THE COURT FINDS:
1. Service of process upon the defendant, Nathan T. Clark, cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.107(B)(1)(b) and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.
IT IS ORDERED:
2. Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order shall be made by the following method(s).
a. First class mail to 357 West Orleans Street, Ostego, MI 49078
d. Other: Publication in the Allegan County News for three consecutive weeks.
s/ Joseph Skocelas (P31714)
March 2, 2026
5-21 6-4

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in ALLEGAN County, starting promptly at 9:00, on June 18, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by CAROL OLSEN AND JAMES M OLSEN, WIFE AND HUSBAND, whose address is 4290 47th Street, Holland, Michigan 49423, as original Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for T2 Financial LLC DBA/ Revolution Mortgage and Lender's successors and assigns, being a mortgage dated January 26, 2024, and recorded on February 5, 2024 in Liber 4918 Page 781, with Document Number 2024001551, Allegan County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to Newrez LLC d/b/a/ Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated March 20, 2026 and recorded on March 20, 2026 in Liber 5120 Page 451, and given Document Number 2026004103 in Allegan County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX AND 49/100 ($324,956.49). Said premises are situated in the Township of Overisel, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, and are described as: THE SOUTH 3 ACRES OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST FRACTIONAL 1/4 OF SECTION 18, TOWN 4 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, OVERISEL TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID 3 ACRES BEING SOUTH 03 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 07 SECONDS EAST 2637.78 FEET AS MEASURED ON THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHWEST FRACTIONAL 1/4 AND SOUTH 03 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST 133.72 FEET FROM THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 18; THENCE PROCEEDING ON THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST FRACTIONAL 1/4 OF SECTION 18 SOUTH 03 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST 198.02 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST FRACTIONAL 1/4 OF SECTION 18; THENCE ON SAID SOUTH LINE NORTH 89 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST 661.60 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST FRACTIONAL 1/4 OF SECTION 18; THENCE ON SAID WEST LINE NORTH 03 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST 198.01 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 3 ACRES OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST ¼ OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST FRACTIONAL 1/4 OF SECTION 18; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST 661.48 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Street Address: 4290 47th Street, Holland, Michigan 49423 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: May 21, 2026 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Robert A. Blumberg (P87490) Johnson, Blumberg & Associates LLC 30 North LaSalle St., Suite 3650 Chicago, Illinois, 60602 312.541.9710 - Phone 312.541.9711 - Fax File No.: MI 26 7223
(05-21)(06-11)

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on JULY 2, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bruce Larsen, Jr., single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Northern Mortgage Services, LLC., its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 18, 2021 and recorded August 23, 2021 in Liber 4661, Page 849 Allegan County Records, Michigan, and Affidavit Affecting Realty recorded May 18, 2026 in Liber 5138, Page 801 Allegan County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by NewRez LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Eighty and 95/100 Dollars ($232,380.95).
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on JULY 2, 2026.
Said premises are located in the Township of Dorr, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:
Lot 1, Hidden Forest Estates No. 1, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 13 of Plats, Page 9, Allegan County Records.Also, commencing at the Southwest corner of said Lot 1, Hidden Forest Estates No. 1; thence South 89 degrees 25'52" East 117.0 feet along the South line of said Lot; thence South 00 degrees 51'52" West 50.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 25'52" West 117.0 feet; thence North 00 degrees 51'52" East 50.0 feet to the place of beginning, being part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 15, Town 4 North, Range 12 West.
1678 Slater Ave, Dorr, Michigan 49323
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. FinCEN reporting will be required of all successful purchasers, absent a lawful exemption.
Dated: May 28, 2026
File No. 26-004359
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
(05-28)(06-18)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 26- 66256 -DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of David L. Simpson, Deceased Date of Birth:*10/04/1946
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, David L. Simpson, Deceased , died 11/09/202 .
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Mary Susan McLean, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
May 21, 2026
Timothy J. Clulo P47601
820-A Woodmere
Traverse City, MI 49686 (231) 941-8048
Mary Susan McLean
P.O. Box 371
Bellajre, Mi 49615 (941) 916-2347

ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Trust
In the matter of the John G. Peterkin Revocable Trust established May 27, 2005
John G. Peterkin was the grantor of the Trust and his date of birth was August 10, 1940.
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, John G. Peterkin, died May 9, 2026.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to Kevin Peterkin, Trustee, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Jessica Arends P75919
321 Settlers Road
Holland, MI 48423 616-392-1821
Kevin Peterkin
7526 Fairwood Lane
Falls Church, VA 22046 703-932-4646

STATE OF MICHIGAN
48th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Allegan COUNTY
PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF FRIEND OF THE COURT ANNUAL STATUTORY REVIEW
1984-006150 DZ
PUBLIC NOTICE
ANNUAL REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE RECORD OF THE FRIEND OF THE COURT
Pursuant to Michigan law, the chief circuit judge annually reviews the performance record of the friend of the court. The review will be conducted on or about July 1, 2026 .
This review is limited by law to the following criteria: whether the friend of the court is guilty of misconduct, neglect of statutory duty, or failure to carry out the written orders of the court
relative to a statutory duty; whether the purposes of the Friend of the Court Act are being met; and whether the duties of the friend of the court are being carried out in a manner that reflects the needs of the community. Members of the public may submit written comments to the chief
judge relating to these criteria. Send your written comments, with your name and address, to
Hon. Matthew Antkoviak
Courthouse, 113 Chestnut Street,
PO Box 358, Allegan
MI 49010-0358

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
FILE NO. 26-66208-DE
Estate of Kathryn Keene, deceased
Date of Birth: 08/16/1948
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Kathryn Keene, died March 1, 2026.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be barred unless presented to Robert Keiser, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
May 20, 2026
Heidi L. Wolf P52011
1244 Lincoln Road
Allegan, MI 49010
269-673-2105
Robert Keiser

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 26-66238-DE
Estate of Ravina Kruizenga Date of birth: 07/08/1939
TO ALL CREDITORS: *
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Ravina Kruizenga , who lived at 948 Laketown Dr., Holland, MI 49423 , Michigan died 12/24/2025
Creditors of the decedent are notified that ail claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Chadwick Torrance Kruizenga , named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut St., Allegan, MI 49010 and the named/ proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Blague W. Hough P-47697
300 South State St., Ste. 11
Zeeland, MI 49464
(616) 212-9336
Chadwick Torrance Kruizenga
1201 Medallion Dr.
Jonesboro, AR 72404
(870) 604-9830

STATE OF MICHIGAN
48th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION
ALLEGAN COUNTY
PUBLICATION OF HEARING
(NOTICE TO PUTATIVE FATHER)
CASENO. 24-69904-NA
IN THE MATTER OF: KAMORE HOOPER
TAKE NOTICE:
A petition has been filed with this court regarding the following minor(s):
KAMORE DIVINE HOOPER who was born on 10/10/2025 at Holland, Michigan
ISAIAH JOHNSON
ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER
The mother of the minor(s) is NICHOLE ANN HOOPER . If you are or may be the natural father, you should appear at 113 CHESTNUT ST ALLEGAN MI 49010 on JULY 16, 2026 at 9:00AM to state any interest you may have in the minor(s).
Failure to appear atthis hearing is adenial of interest in the minor(s), waiverof notice for allsubsequent hearings, and a waiver of a right to appointment of an attorney. Failure to appear at this hearing COULD RESULT IN PERMANENT TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
ALLEGAN COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
113 Chestnut St., Allegan, MI 49010
NOTICE TO HEARING
TO: Birth Parents of a baby born and surrendered on April 3, 2026, at Bronson Battle Creek Hospital, located in Battle Creek, Calhoun County, Michigan
Take notice that on June 10, 2026, at 4:00pm, a hearing will be held on the Petition to Accept Release and Terminate Rights to Surrendered Newborn Child, made under the Safe Delivery of Newborns Act (MCL 712.1-MCL 712.20) and will terminate your parental rights. The law provides that you should be notified of this hearing by publication only. You will not receive personal service. Failure to attend this hearing will constitute a denial of interest in the minor and waiver of notice of any and all subsequent hearings. You, as a parent, may call Grant Me Hope, located at 930 Interchange Drive, Holland, MI 49423, at 616-403-5657 for more information.

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on July 2, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Zachary Kragness, a single man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC
Date of Mortgage: July 3, 2017
Date of Mortgage Recording: July 11, 2017
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $188,451.28
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Fennville, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 20, Landsburg's Plat, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 6 of Plats, Page 26, Allegan County Records
Common street address (if any): 5667 Landsburg Rd, Fennville, MI 49408-9479
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: May 28, 2026
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1594737

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DORR TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF DORR TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission of Dorr Township will conduct public hearings to be held on Tuesday, June 16th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Dorr Township Hall, located at 1683 142nd Avenue, Dorr, Michigan concerning the following matters:

1. An application from Holy Cross Antiochian Orthodox Church, property owner, to rezone the following approximate 21.64 acre parcel from the F, Agricultural Zoning District to the RE, Rural Estate Zoning District.
General Location: West side of 18th Street just south of 138th Avenue.
Parcel Number 05-033-001-40 Legally Described As: N 1/2 NE 1/4 EX THE W 20 AC ALSO EX THE W 1000' LYING E OF W 20 AC ALSO EX COM AT NE COR OF SEC TH S 148.5' TH W 181.5' TH S 28.43' TH W TO A PT 1000' E OF W 20 AC N 1/2 NE 1/4 TH N TO N SEC LIN TH E TO POB ALSO EX S 435' OF E 420' OF N 1/2 NE 1/4 SEC 33 T4N R12W

2. Potential amendment to Section 15.04 (300.742) of the Dorr Township Zoning Ordinance as it relates to general requirements for parking spaces.

3. Such other and further business as may properly come before the Planning Commission.

A copy of applications and related materials is available for review at Dorr Township Hall during regular business hours. Written comments will be received from any interested persons concerning the foregoing application(s) by the Dorr Township Clerk at the Township Hall at any time during regular business hours up to the date of the hearing and may be further received by the Planning Commission at the hearing. All interested persons are invited and urged to participate.
Dorr Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as interpreters for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed material being considered at the hearing, to individuals with disabilities at the hearing upon four (4) days' notice to the Dorr Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Dorr Township Clerk at the address above or by calling 616-681-9874.

BOB WAGNER, VICE CHAIRMAN
DORR TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
616-681-9874

GANGES TOWNSHIP
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
- REVISED LOCATION -

The Ganges Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 on Tuesday, June, 9, 2026 at 7:00pm at the Glenn Community Center, 6953 114th Ave, Glenn, Michigan. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing**. A copy of the budget will be available for inspection during this meeting.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk in advance by calling (269) 543-8316.

John Hebert, Supervisor
Ganges Township
(269) 543-4634

Robin Phelps, Clerk
Ganges Township
(269) 543-8316

NorthStar Clean Energy
Allegan Solar, LLC
Notice of Intent to Construct Solar and Batter Energy Storage System Facility

NorthStar Clean Energy and Allegan Solar, LLC are proposing an approximately 106 MW ground-mounted solar energy system and a 55 MW battery energy storage system located within Hopkins and Monterey Townships in Allegan County, Michigan (Project).

This letter is to provide notice, pursuant to Section 223(1) of PA 233 of 2023 (MCL 460.1223(2)) of a public meeting. The meeting will be on Thursday June 11th, 2026 at the Hopkins United Methodist Church, from 5:30-7:30 pm. The address is 322 Maple St, Hopkins, MI 49328.

Individuals who are unable to attend the public meeting, but would like to submit written comments about the Project, can do so by writing a message online at https://northstarcleanenergy.com/contact/ under "Reason for Inquiry," commentors should select "Submit Project Feedback" or by sending a written letter to:

NorthStar Clean Energy c/o Allegan Solar
2373 Oak Valley Dr
Suite 150
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

The Project Site Plan can be accessed online at: https://northstarcleanenergy.com/allegan-solar/

GANGES TOWNSHIP
MEETING SYNOPSIS
MAY 12, 2026 7:00 pm

1.Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance-7:00pm
2.Board Present: Hutchins, Reimink, Hebert, Phelps, Thompson
3.Approved Agenda
4.Correspondence
5.Public Comments
6.Approved April 14, 2026 Regular Mtg. Mins
7.Approved Treasurer's Report
8.Approved Listed bills in the amount of $52,231.80
9.Reports from Fire Dept, Planning Commission
10.Short Term Rental Ordinance Update
11.Enforcement Officer Update
12.Approved resignation of Library Board Rep and Appointed a new Representative
13.Approved asking the PC to hold a Public Hearing to consider reversing Conditional Rezoning of Fenn Valley Winery. 14.Heard Public Comments
15.Adjourned meeting

VALLEY TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS' CLEAN-UP DAY
SATURDAY, May 30, 2026 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Clean-up site is located at 4726 - 118th Ave.
Approximately 1 mile west of DNR office

Accepted: Refrigerators, bed frames, mattresses, carpet/padding, car parts, grills, mowers, doors, windows, toilets, vacuum cleaners, stoves, washers, small appliances, old furniture and unwanted household items.

NOT Accepted: Tires, paint cans, yard waste, televisions, burn barrels, or household garbage.
This is a good time to get rid of those unwanted items in and around the house. Keep our township beautiful. Please inform your Valley neighbors so we can make this a success again this year!

***Please note: Due to Republic's Saturday hours, we can't get more dumpsters in the afternoon. Once those containers are full, we will not be able to accept any more items.

Questions, call 269-673-5962

Public Notices

CITY OF ALLEGAN

ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 537
EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE REMOVAL OF TREES WITHIN 100 FEET OF THE KALAMAZOO RIVER

WHEREAS, Section 6.2 of the City Charter authorizes the City Council to adopt an emergency ordinance when immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.

WHEREAS, the Charter authorizes the City Council to approve an emergency ordinance at the same meeting at which it is introduced, so long as the ordinance receives a five-sevenths supermajority vote of the Council members present.

WHEREAS, City staff has identified a potential severe erosion condition ~~that appears to have been caused by the removal of trees~~ along the bluffs of the Kalamazoo River.

WHEREAS, there is reason to believe that the continued removal of trees along the river bluffs poses an immediate threat to public infrastructure and to the public health, safety, and welfare, and the City Council therefore requires time to study the extent of the erosion, assess its causes, and consider the development of permanent regulations to address the issue.

WHEREFORE, the City of Allegan ordains:

Section 1. Title. This ordinance shall be known as the "City of Allegan Tree Removal Moratorium Ordinance."

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this Ordinance is to impose a temporary moratorium on the removal of trees on property located within 100 feet of the Kalamazoo River in order to protect the stability of the river bluffs, prevent further erosion, and safeguard public infrastructure while the City studies the issue and develops permanent regulations.

Section 3. Moratorium Parameters. Beginning on the effective date of this Ordinance and continuing as provided in Section 5, no person shall remove, or cause or permit the removal of, any tree located within 100 feet of the ordinary high water mark of the Kalamazoo River within the corporate limits of the City of Allegan. For purposes of this Ordinance, "ordinary high water mark" means the line between upland and bottomland that persists through successive changes in water levels, below which the presence and action of the water is so common or recurrent that the character of the land is marked distinctly from the upland. The 100-foot distance shall be measured horizontally from the ordinary high water mark.

Section 4. Exceptions. This Ordinance shall not apply to:

(a) The removal of a tree that is dead, diseased, or in an imminently hazardous condition posing a threat to persons or property, provided that the property owner first obtains written authorization from the City Manager or his or her designee confirming the condition of the tree.

(b) The removal of a tree that is necessary to address an emergency threat to public infrastructure, as determined by the City Manager.

(c) Tree removal activities conducted by or on behalf of the City or a public utility for purposes of maintaining public infrastructure.

Section 5. Duration of Moratorium. The moratorium established in Section 3 shall remain in effect for a period of 3 months following the effective date of this Ordinance, or until the effective date of a newly adopted ordinance regulating the removal of trees along the Kalamazoo River, whichever occurs first. Before this moratorium expires, the City Council may by resolution extend the moratorium for a reasonable period of time to the extent needed to complete the study and development of permanent regulations.

Section 6. Enforcement. Any person who violates this Ordinance shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction and subject to the penalties set forth in the City Code. Each tree removed in violation of this Ordinance shall constitute a separate violation.

Section 7. Severability. This Ordinance and its various parts, sentences, paragraphs, sections, subsections, phrases, and clauses are hereby declared severable, and if any of them are adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, it is hereby declared that the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected by such determination.

Section 8. Conflicting Ordinances. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed and superseded to the extent of any conflict.

Section 9. Publication and Effective Date. The City Clerk shall cause a notice of adoption of this ordinance to be published. This ordinance shall take effect upon publication of the notice of adoption.

YEAS: C. CANALES, C. CLARK, P. HANSE, T. PERRIGO, W.WALKER, P. WESTOVER
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: M. HOOKER

CERTIFICATION
As the duly appointed city clerk of the City of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, I certify this is a true and complete copy of an ordinance adopted by the Allegan City Council at its meeting of APRIL 8, 2026.

Traci Perrigo, Mayor
Tracy Stull, City Clerk

CHESHIRE TOWNSHIP

ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
DUCK LAKE IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF JUNE 16, 2026 TOWNSHIP BOARD PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2026-2030 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR 2026-2030 SUPPLEMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE DUCK LAKE IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT ENCOMPASSING ALL LOTS/PARCELS ABUTTING DUCK LAKE OR HAVING DEEDED ACCESS TO DUCK LAKE IN LAND SECTION 36 OF CHESHIRE TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN; AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Supervisor/Assessing Officer of Cheshire Township has reported to the Township Board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a proposed special assessment roll/special assessment column in the regular tax roll pertaining to the allocation of the cost and expenses of the 2026-2030 supplemental improvement project within the Duck Lake Improvement Special Assessment District approved by the Township Board May 19, 2026.

A public hearing on any objections to the proposed special assessment roll will be held at the Cheshire Township Hall at 471 41st Street, Allegan, Michigan, in conjunction with a regular meeting of the Township Board on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 commencing at 6:30 p.m.

The proposed 2026-2030 special assessment roll proposes to allocate the cost and expenses of a supplemental lake improvement project, including an extension of the aquatic vegetation management project previously approved for 2024-2028 to now also include 2029-2030, in the approximate total amount of $356,365 (including estimated legal and administrative expenses, and a contingency for cost overruns and other unanticipated expenses) to the various lots and parcels within the existing Duck Lake Improvement Special Assessment District over the five-year project by a total special assessment levy of approximately $89,165 in 2026 and an annual total special assessment levy of approximately $66,800 in each of years 2027-2030. The special assessment levy is proposed to be allocated to the benefitted lots/parcels within the District pursuant to a uniform pro rata benefit unit of 1.0 for each lot/parcel abutting Duck Lake (with all contiguous lands abutting Duck Lake owned by the same record owner and either undeveloped or developed to be treated as a single benefit unit for special assessment purposes), and a uniform pro rata benefit unit of 0.5 for each lot/parcel with deeded access to Duck Lake but not abutting Duck Lake, plus for parcel number 03-270-003-00 (mobile home park abutting Duck Lake, with 32 mobile home sites) an additional special assessment of 0.25 benefit unit per each mobile home site.

Based on the total calculated number of lots/parcels within the District (after eliminating contiguous lands owned by the same record owner) abutting Duck Lake (113 benefit units), the total number of lots/parcels within the District with deeded access to Duck Lake but not abutting Duck Lake (9.5 benefit units), and the additional benefit units allocated to the mobile home park property (8.0 benefit units), the total amount proposed to be specially assessed against each such lot/parcel for 2026-2030 is as follows:

- $2,730.77 for each lot/parcel or portions thereof abutting Duck Lake (with all contiguous lots/parcels in the same ownership specially assessed as 1.0 benefit unit), payable in annual installments of $683.26 levied in 2026, and $511.88 levied in each of years 2027-2030.
- $1,365.39 for each lot/parcel or portions thereof with deeded or other special right of access to Duck Lake pursuant to a dedicated out lot or other private access back lot (with all contiguous lots/parcels in the same ownership specially assessed as 0.5 benefit unit), payable in annual installments of $341.63 levied in 2026, and $255.94 levied in each of years 2027-2030.
- For parcel number 03-270-003-00 (mobile home park abutting Duck Lake, with 32 mobile home sites) an additional special assessment of $21,846.24 (0.25 benefit unit per each of 32 mobile home sites), payable in annual installments of $5,466.08 levied in 2026, and $4,095.04 levied in each of years 2027-2030. Note: the resulting total proposed special assessment on this property, including the base special assessment of 1.0 benefit unit for a lot/parcel abutting Duck Lake is $6,149.34 levied in 2026, and $4,606.92 levied in each of years 2027-2030.

These proposed special assessment amounts are subject to revision by the Township Board at the June 16, 2026 meeting. These proposed special assessment amounts are also subject to revision during the term of the five-year special assessment roll due to property transactions, and are subject to annual redetermination if the actual costs of the yearly project or any administrative costs vary significantly from the estimated costs and contingency on which the proposed special assessment roll is premised. Any such annual redetermination/revised special assessments will be made by the Township Board at its regular meeting in June of any such year, as necessary, without further public hearing or notice except as may be required by law (if a cost increase exceeds the estimate by 10% or more) or as may be further determined by the Township Board; provided that the allocation of individual special assessments resulting from any such annual redetermination/revision shall be based on the same cost allocation method used for the 2026 special assessments. Unpaid special assessments will be subject to interest at a rate to be determined by the Township Board but not exceeding 8.0% per annum.

If the Township Board approves a 2026-2030 special assessment roll for the supplemental project, and that special assessment roll becomes effective, the special assessment for aquatic vegetation control (only) previously approved for levy in 2024-2028 pursuant to the original 2024-2028 project shall be cancelled in 2027 and 2028, as the supplemental improvement project includes aquatic vegetation management in those last two years of the previously approved project and extends such services to include 2029-2030.

The proposed special assessment roll, and the project plans, estimate of costs, the boundaries of the existing Duck Lake Improvement Special Assessment District, and the Resolution of the Township Board directing the Supervisor/Assessing Officer of the Township to make the proposed special assessment roll, may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk and may further be examined at the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT APPEARANCE AND PROTEST AT THIS HEARING IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO APPEAL THE AMOUNT OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO THE STATE TAX TRIBUNAL. AN OWNER OR PARTY IN INTEREST OR HIS OR HER AGENT MAY APPEAR IN PERSON AT THIS HEARING TO PROTEST A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT, OR MAY FILE AN APPEARANCE OR PROTEST BY LETTER WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK BEFORE THE CLOSE OF THE HEARING OR WITHIN SUCH FURTHER TIME AS THE TOWNSHIP BOARD MAY GRANT, IF ANY, AND IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES A PERSONAL APPEARANCE AT THE HEARING SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED THE OWNER OR ANY PERSON HAVING AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY WHO PROTESTS IN PERSON OR IN WRITING AS PROVIDED ABOVE MAY FILE A WRITTEN APPEAL OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT WITH THE STATE TAX TRIBUNAL WITHIN 35 DAYS AFTER THE CONFIRMATION OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LEVY (OR WITHIN SUCH OTHER TIME PERIOD AS MAY BE REQUIRED OR ALLOWED BY LAW).

The foregoing hearing and all proceedings associated with this special assessment matter will be conducted in accordance with and pursuant to 1954 PA 188, as amended, the Michigan Open Meetings Act, and any other applicable law.

Cheshire Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the meeting/hearing to individuals with disabilities, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered, upon reasonable notice to the Township. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk as designated below.

Jodi Pinnell, Clerk
Cheshire Township
1061 37th Street
Allegan, MI 49010
(269) 521-3440

NOTICE

Ordinance 287

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE CITY WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM FOR FY 2027 AND FY 2028

WHEREAS, the City Council has previously found, and currently reaffirms, that (i) a municipal owned sewer system is an essential facility/service to promote public health and safety in the City of Wayland, and (ii) the supply of potable water available from private wells within the City is insufficient to assure that all businesses and residents will have sufficient potable water available for their use and for fire suppression by the City unless the City offers water supply services to properties located within the City; and

WHEREAS, based on the advice of its engineers, the City Council has previously found, and currently reaffirms, that the most practical, cost effective and accurate method, given available technology, of measuring the use of the water supply system by any user is by the meter used to measure water usage; and

WHEREAS, based on the advice of its engineers, the City Council has previously found, and currently reaffirms, that the most practical, cost effective and accurate method, given available technology, of measuring the use of the water supply system by any user is by the meter used to measure water usage and ultimately sewage disposal system usage; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has previously found and, currently reaffirms that, in order to provide clean potable water to businesses and residents in quantities necessary for all types of use, it is necessary from time to time to install improvements, enlargements, extensions and repairs to the water system, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has previously found and, currently reaffirms that, in order to provide proper sewage disposal services to businesses and residents it is necessary from time to time to install improvements, enlargements, extensions and repairs to the water system, and

WHEREAS, The City Council has previously found, and currently reaffirms, that the fairest and most reasonable method of providing for the operation, maintenance, repair, replacement and improvement of the water supply system to charge each user, based in all cases on amount of use, for (1) the cost of retiring debt to pay for improvements and replacements, (2) the costs of ongoing repair, replacement and improvement budgeted as part of the annual costs of the water system; and (3) the annual costs of operation, administration and maintenance of the systems, and

WHEREAS, The City Council has previously found, and currently reaffirms, that the fairest and most reasonable method of providing for the operation, maintenance, repair, replacement and improvement of the sewage disposal system to charge each user, based in all cases on amount of water use, for (1) the cost of retiring debt to pay for improvements and replacements, (2) the costs of ongoing repair, replacement and improvement budgeted as part of the annual costs of the water and sewer systems; and (3) the annual costs of operation, administration and maintenance of the systems, and

WHEREAS, based on the City's investigation of methods of apportioning costs among classes of users, the City has concluded that the use of Residential Equivalent Units (REUs) to apportion the indirect costs of providing (i) water supply services, including treatment and distribution, and (ii) sewage disposal services is reasonable, and

WHERAS, the Public Works Committee has recently reviewed the rates and charges of the City water supply system and determined that a rate adjustment is needed to safely and efficiently continue to operate the City's water system; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee has recently reviewed the rates and charges of the city sewer system and determined that a rate adjustment is needed to safely and efficiently continue to operate the City's sewage disposal system; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that the rates and charges set forth herein fairly and accurately apportion the fixed and variable costs of the sewage disposal and water supply systems among the users of the systems and that the rates and charges that are charged to each user provide actual benefits to such users in the form of ready access to water supply and sewage disposal services that would be unavailable if the rates and charges were not charged, and

WHEREAS, Sections 19-96 and 19-156 of the Wayland City Code provide that the City Council shall establish by resolution from time to time the rates and charges for water supply services and sewage disposal services, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAYLAND, MICHIGAN, WITH A MAJORITY OF ITS MEMBERS CONCURRING THAT:

SECTION A.

WATER SUPPLY SERVICE RATES.

1. INSTALLATION OF NEW SERVICE. Rates, fees, and charges for connections to the City water utility shall be as below:

a. A connection fee shall be charged for each new connection to the water utility in the amount of $3,130.00 per residential equivalent unit (REU), as shown on the Table of Unit Factors, Attachment 1 to this Ordinance. Revenues from the connection fee shall be used for the maintenance, repair, replacement and improvement of the system.

b. Where the lateral service line is, or has already been, installed by the City there shall be a $100.00 inspection charge paid prior to the commencement of service. Lateral installation when required shall be subject to costs of 106% of the purchase price of materials, labor rates as established by the City Manager, and equipment rates as established by the State. This shall provide for installation of the service lateral to the street side of the sidewalk or to within seven (7) feet of the property line.

c. The City will provide and install each connection with one appropriately sized water meter.

d. For customers who utilize service larger than one inch, the lateral service line will be installed by the customer and at the customer's expense. For water meters, see Section 19- 76 of the Wayland City Code.

2. CHANGE IN USE. The connection fee shall be reassessed to premises when a change, or increase, in use of the premises is made. The additional connection fee shall be based upon the increase in REUS calculated, or measured, for the premises. There shall be no refunds of charges based upon reduction of REUS calculated for a premise. A change in use may include, but is not limited to, the increase in number of work shifts at a facility, the addition of production facilities, increase in facility size, etc.

3. MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES. The fees for water consumed as shown by the meter reading, shall be comprised of a Readiness-to-Serve charge (fixed charge) and a commodity charge (usage rate/1,000 gallons).

a. Meter Factor: For equitable distribution of the Readiness-to serve (RTS) charge the City will utilize the meter factors as recommended by the American Waterworks Association (AWWA). The base Readiness-to-serve (RTS) charge shall be multiplied by the factor in the table below.

Meter Size	AWWA (capacity)	Factor
5/8 inch	20	1.00
3/4 inch	30	1.00
1 inch	50	1.67
1.5 inch	100	3.33
2 inch	160	5.33
3 inch	300	10.00
4 inch	500	16.67
6 inch	1,000	33.33
8 inch	1,600	53.33
10 inch	2,300	76.67
12 inch	4,300	143.33
14 inch	6,400	213.33
16 inch	9,160	305.33
18 inch	14,650	488.33
20inch	18,500	616.67

a. Rate schedule: The Rate Schedule for the next two (2) years shall be as shown in the table below. Note that actual effective date will be when billing cycle begins closest to stated effective date.

Water Rate Schedule		
Effective Date*	Base Readiness to Serve	Commodity Charge
July 1, 2026	$ 17.39	$ 3.49
July 1, 2027	$ 18.44	$ 3.70

4. OUT OF CITY RATES.

a. All customers located out of the City of Wayland shall be charged a surcharge of 1.5 times the applicable rate as per the rate schedule established in this ordinance for both the RTS and the Commodity Charge.

5. ANNUAL INCREASE

a. Commencing on July 1, 2026 and July 1, 2027, the City shall enact an automatic 6% annual increase to both the commodity charge and the readiness to serve charge, as reflected in the prior table.

b. The City Council acknowledges that the annual inflationary increase is intended to cover normal increases in operational costs and that additional capital costs or increased costs due to regulatory changes may require rate adjustments over and above this annual increase.

6. FIRE HYDRANTS. For fire protection the City shall pay, in equal quarterly payments, the sum of $75.00 per year for each fire hydrant connected to the system.

7. FIRE PROTECTION READINESS TO SERVICE CHARGE. For all connections maintained at any private premises for fire protection purposes, a readiness to serve charge shall be made and collected as follows:

Each 2-inch connection, $80.00 per annum.

Each 4 inch or 6-inch connection, $120.00 per annum. Each 8-inch connection, $215.00 per annum.

Each 10-inch connection, $300.00 per annum. Each 12-inch connection, $485.00 per annum.

8. MISCELLANEOUS USES OF WATER. Rates for miscellaneous uses of water shall be as follows:

a. Carnival and small tent shows which use small amounts shall pay in advance $20.00 for the first day, and $8.00 per day thereafter for the privilege of taking water from a fire hydrant. The Water Department will install one 3/4-inch reducing connection and control valve on the hydrant. The user shall connect to this fitting for his supply.

b. Upon proper application a contractor or builder may be granted permission to use water from a service without meter during construction for a fee of $55.00. Such fee shall be for a period not longer than 45 days from the time permission is granted.

c. Rates for the use of Fire Hydrant for construction purposes: 5/8-inch opening, $10.00 per day. 1-inch opening, $15.00 per day. 1⁄2 inch opening, $20.00 per day. 2-inch opening, $25.00 per day.

d. For miscellaneous services not specified, rates shall be established by the City Manager.

e. Any loss or damage to the hydrant, operating nut or wrench will be charged to the applicant for service from the hydrant.

f. On large construction projects, the Water Department may require the setting of an appropriate meter and charge for water and service at the metered rates

9. METERS; TESTING. Upon the deposit of the amount required in the following schedule, and accompanied by a written application of any water customer requesting that a test be made of the meter, the City will remove, examine, test and install another tested meter on the customers service.

For up to 1 and 1⁄2 inch meters - Applicable turn off/turn on/labor costs as established by City Manager.

For 2 inch meters and above inch meters - testing will be done by an outside service and the cost will be charged to the customer.

If after the test, the meter is found to be in error 5% or more, the amount deposited will be refunded. If the meter is found to register within 5%, the amount deposited will be retained to cover the cost of the test.

If upon testing the meter is found to have registered more than 5% too much, an adjustment to the water bill then due will be made, based upon the percentage excess the meter was found to register.

10. WATER CHARGES. All charges, fees and rates for water shall be made against the owner and/or occupant of the premises supplied with water, and must be paid within thirty (30) days after bills are mailed. If not paid in thirty (30) days, the water may be turned off on the premises against which such charges stand and the amount of the unpaid bill shall become a lien on such premises as provided by statute until paid. When so turned off, the water will not be turned on again until the charges have been paid, together with the further sum of fifty dollars ($50.00) as a turn-on-fee, during normal working hours. After normal working hours the turn on fee shall be $100.00

Residents that request to have their water service turned off while the property is vacant, or for repairs, shall pay a sum of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) for both the turn off and turn on of service.

PORTABLE WATER METERS FOR SUMMER USE.

a. Rental: The City may make available to residents portable water meters for measuring summer outside water usage at their residence. Each resident prior to receiving a portable meter shall pay to the City a $25.00 deposit. A fee of $10.00 per month for administrative costs associated with the use of the meter shall also be paid. Each resident shall be responsible for attaching the meter to his or her outside faucet used for watering, reading the meter monthly, submitting readings to the City at the intervals requested by the City, and returning the meter to the City in good condition in October of the same year.

b. Permanent: Permanent installation of an additional water meter for outdoor usage shall be available. The initial cost to the homeowner shall be the cost of the meter plus a $200.00 inspection charge. It is understood that connection of said meter shall be the responsibility of the homeowner. Usage through these meters shall be charged the applicable commodity charge and shall be subject to a $3.00 monthly administrative fee.

SECTION B.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL SERVICE RATES

1. INSTALLATION OF NEW SERVICE. Rates,

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Public Notices

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on July 02, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Christopher Vern Sparks, a single man and Peggy Ann Sparks, a single woman Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: April 29, 2024 Recorded on May 7, 2024, Liber 4941, on Page 130, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Northpointe Bank Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifteen and 78/100 Dollars ($163,715.78) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Part of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 34, Town 1 North, Range 11 West, described as: Commencing at a point in the center of the Highway leading from Plainwell to Silver Creek, where the 1/4 line running North and South through the center of Section 34 intersects said Highway; thence North on said 1/4 line 68 Rods (1122 feet) to the 1/8th line; thence East 28 Rods (462 feet) on said line; thence South 80 Rods (1320 feet) parallel with said 1/4 line to the center of the above named Highway; thence Northwesterly along the center of said Highway to the place of beginning. EXCEPT a parcel of land in the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 34, Town 1 North, Range 11 West, described as: Commencing at a point in the center of the Highway leading from Plainwell to Silver Creek where the 1/4 line running North and South through the center of Section 34 intersects said Highway; thence North 12 Rods (198 feet) on the 1/4 line; thence East 7 Rods (115.5 feet) parallel with said Highway; thence South parallel with said 1/4 line to the center of said Highway; thence Westerly in center of said Highway to the place of beginning. Commonly known as 487 Riverview Dr, Plainwell, MI 49080 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale will be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Northpointe Bank Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on 7/2/2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Names of Mortgagor(s): Rachael Rodriguez-Luna. Original mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for First Colony Mortgage Corp. Date of mortgage: 4/26/2024. Mortgage recorded on 4/29/2024 as Document No. 2024006346, in Liber 4938, Page 902. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC.. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: $395,669.19 Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: LAND SITUATED IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF ALLEGAN, TOWNSHIP OF SAUGATUCK. LOT 18 OF RAVINE ACRES NO. 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN LIBER 13 OF PLATS, PAGE 68, ALLEGAN COUNTY RECORDS. Commonly known as 6855 Dale Ct, Fennville, MI 49408. The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after the statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241, the redemption period will be 1 month from the date of such sale. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes pursuant to MCL 600.3240(16), the redemption period is 1 year from the date of such sale. The redemption period may be extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Date of Notice: 05/28/2026. Codilis & Moody, P.C. 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (313) 536-2500. This law firm is a debt collector. C&M File 23-26-00319

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fees, and charges for connections to the City Sewer Utility shall be as below:

a. A connection fee shall be charged for each new connection to the water utility in the amount of $4,310.00 per residential equivalent unit (REU), as shown on the Table of Unit Factors, Attachment 1 to this Ordinance. Revenues from the connection fee shall be used for the maintenance, repair, replacement, and improvement of the system.

b. The city will provide and install water meters.

2. CHANGE IN USE. The connection fee shall be reassessed to premises when a change, or increase, in the use of the premises is made. The additional connection fee shall be based upon the increase in REUS calculated, or measured, for the premises. There shall be no refunds of charges based upon reduction of REUS calculated for a premise. A change in use may include, but is not limited to, the increase in the number of work shifts at a facility, the addition of production facilities, increase in facility size, etc.

3. Monthly Rates and Charges. The fees for sewer as shown by the water meter reading, shall be comprised of a Readiness-to-Serve charge (fixed charge) and a commodity charge (usage rate/1,000 gallons).

a. Meter Factor: For equitable distribution of the Readiness-to serve (RTS) charge the city will utilize the meter factors as recommended by the American Waterworks Association (AWWA). The base Readiness-to-serve (RTS) charge shall be multiplied by the factors in the table below.

Meter Size	AWWA (capacity factor)	
5/8 inch	20	1.00
3/4 inch	30	1.00
1 inch	50	1.67
1.5 inch	100	3.33
2 inch	160	5.33
3 inch	300	10.00
4 inch	500	16.67
6 inch	1,000	33.33
8 inch	1,600	53.33
10 inch	2,300	76.67
12 inch	4,300	143.33
14 inch	6,400	213.33
16 inch	9,160	305.33
18 inch	14,650	488.33
20 inch	18,500	616.67

b. Rate schedule: The Rate Schedule for the next two (2) years shall be as shown in the table below. Note that the actual effective date will be when the billing cycle begins closest to stated effective date.

Sewer Rate Schedule

Effective Date*	Base Readiness to Serve	Commodity Charge
July 1, 2026	$ 26.78	$ 6.18
July 1, 2027	$ 26.78	$ 6.18

4. OUT OF CITY RATES.

a. All customers located out of the City of Wayland shall be charged a surcharge of 1.5 times the applicable rate as per the rate schedule established in this ordinance for both the RTS and the Commodity Charge.

5. ANNUAL INCREASE

a. On July 1, 2027, the City shall enact an automatic 0% Annual Increase to both the commodity charge and the readiness to serve charge.

b. The City Council acknowledges that the annual inflationary increase is intended to cover normal increases in operational costs and that additional capital costs or increased costs due to regulatory changes may require adjustments over and above this annual increase.

6. METERS; TESTING.

a. Upon the deposit of the amount required in the following schedule and accompanied by a written application of any water customer requesting that a test be made of the meter, the City will remove, examine, test and install another tested meter on the customer's service.

b. For up to 2-inch meters - $15.00:

c. For 3-inch meters through 6-inch meters - testing will be done by an outside service and the cost will be charged, if after the test, the meter is found to be in error 5% or more, the amount deposited will be refunded. If the meter is found to register within 5%, the amount deposited will be retained to cover the cost of the test.

d. If upon testing the meter is found to have registered more than 5% too much, an adjustment to the water bill then due will be made, based upon the percentage excess the meter was found to register.

7. SEWER CHARGES.

a. All charges, fees and rates for sewer shall be made against the owner and/or occupant of the premises supplied with sewer service and must be paid within thirty (30) days after bills are mailed. If not paid in thirty (30) days, the water may be turned off on the premises against which such charges and the amount of the unpaid bill shall become a lien on such premises as provided by statute until paid. When turned off, the water will not be turned on again until the charges have been paid, together with the further sum of fifty dollars ($50.00) as a turn-on-fee, during normal working hours.

b. Residents that request to have their water service turned off while the property is vacant, or for repairs, shall pay a sum of twenty dollars ($20.00) to have their service turned on again.

SECTION C.

SEVERABILITY. Should any section, clause or provision of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional, illegal or of no force and effect by a court of competent jurisdiction, then and in that event such portion thereof shall not be deemed to affect the validity of any other part or portion of this ordinance.

SECTION D.

REPEAL. All other ordinances or portions of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION E.

EFFECTIVE DATE AND PUBLICATION. This ordinance shall be published in the Allegan County News. This ordinance shall take effect upon the expiration of ten days after its publication. A copy of this ordinance is available for review and inspection during regular business hours at the City Clerk's Office, Wayland City Hall, 103 South Main Street, Wayland, Michigan 49348.

Adopted and signed on this 18th day of May, 2026.

Signed:
Mayor Jennifer Antel
Signed: Amanda Rodriguey
City Clerk/HR Manager

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of an ordinance duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Wayland, County of Allegan, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 18th day of May, 2026, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

I further certify that the following Members were present at said meeting: Mayor Jennifer Antel, Mayor Pro-tem Joe Kramer, Megan Mickelson, Justin Osbon, Steve Stepek, Tracy Bivins and Abe Garcia.

I further certify that Councilmember Bivins moved adoption of said Ordinance 287, and that said motion was supported by Mayor Pro-tem Kramer.

I further certify that the following Members voted for adoption of said Ordinance 287: Mayor Jennifer Antel, Mayor Pro-tem Joe Kramer, Megan Mickelson, Steve Stepek, Tracy Bivins and Abe Garcia and that the following Members voted against adoption of said Ordinance 287: Justin Osbon.

I further certify that said Ordinance 287 has been recorded in the Ordinance Book and that such recording has been authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and City Clerk.

Amanda Rodriguey
City Clerk/HR Manager

RELIGION SECTION

Our Lord's words in the seventeenth chapter of St John's Gospel are about his unique relationship with God, with other people, and especially with those who believe in him. Like many of you, I have read this passage for decades, and then recently, I began to see them in a more practical and comforting light. Jesus is saying to each of us that we are known by him and by God, we are kept and protected.

That shift in perspective came in the weeks and days leading up to Memorial Day at the end of this month. Every year, families and individuals to go the local cemeteries to put flowers on the graves in tribute and honor to those who went before them. Every year, millions of volunteers across the country put the American flag in the bronze markers of every veteran as a symbol of honor and remembrance.

Look closely and every year we see headstones where it is obvious the person is all but forgotten. Perhaps the family line died out. Perhaps the next generations moved away, never to return. Perhaps there was another reason. It is always a curious but sad site.

Growing up, most of us wanted to make a name for ourselves. Even if we did not aspire to being a "Big Shot," we wanted people to recognize us when we were out in public. Every artist aspires to have their work on display at a museum or gallery. Every actor or musician wants the applause at the end of their performance. Athletes want the gold medal, or to be on the top of the leader board; not the silver or bronze.

We spend a lot of time trying to make a name for ourselves and can be extremely unhappy if we do not succeed. Sometimes, I can almost imagine Jesus watching us in this frantic effort and asking, "Seriously? Is this what you want? Do you really think being the local pinball champion is your calling? This is what you think is truly important?"

It comes as a rude awakening when we realize that a century from now, everyone reading today's newspaper will be gone. In two centuries, at best we might be remembered as merely a name, and only by a handful of people. By then, everything we own today will either be given away or simply gone.

And this is what we are living for and expending so much energy?

In this and other passages, God reminds us of the importance in making choices on how we will live today. That is what Jesus meant, I believe, when he said to put our minds and hearts on the things of heaven and not the earthly things.

To love deeply, to care for others, to help build up, these are a few of the important things. And when we settle back and realize it, we know that we will find tremendous joy right now.

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Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan, MI

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